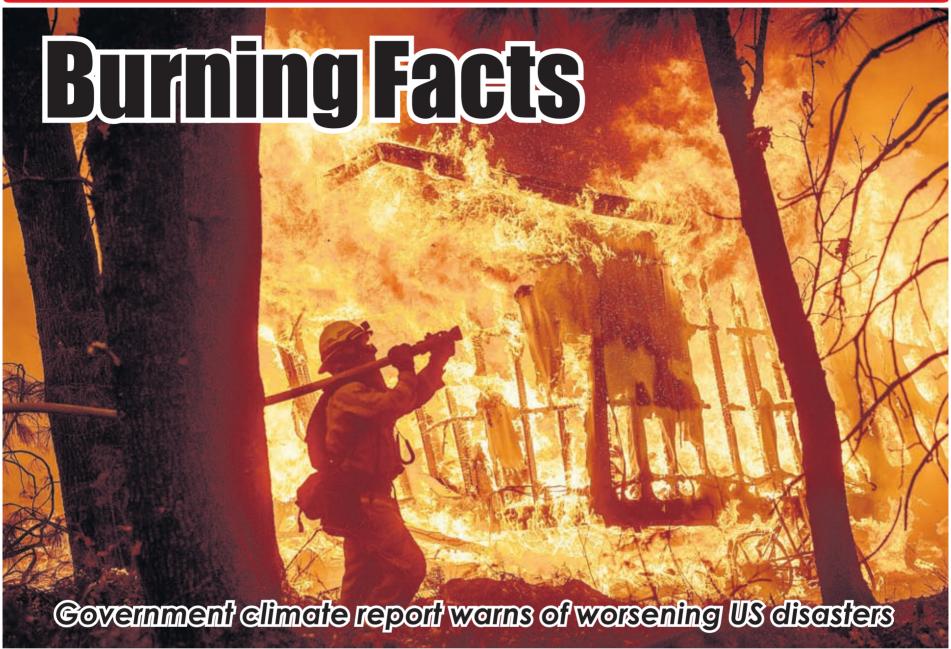


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In this Nov. 9, 2018 file photo, firefighter Jose Corona sprays water as flames from the Camp Fire consume a home in Magalia, Calif.

Associated Press.

WASHINGTON (AP) — As California's catastrophic wildfires recede and people rebuild after two hurricanes, a massive new federal report warns that these types of extreme weather disasters are worsening in the United States. The White House report quietly issued Friday also fre-

quently contradicts President Donald Trump. The National Climate Assessment was written long before the deadly fires in California this month and before Hurricanes Florence and Michael raked the East Coast and Florida. It says warming-charged extremes "have already be-

come more frequent, intense, widespread or of long duration." The report notes the last few years have smashed U.S. records for damaging weather, costing nearly \$400 billion since 2015.

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For same-sex couples, a new path to legal parenthood

By ALANNA DURKIN RICH-**ER**, Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — When Sara Watson's partner got pregnant with their son through in vitro fertilization, they were overjoyed. Then the fear came.

They weren't married, so Watson had no legal rights as Eli's parent even though her eggs were used to conceive him with donor sperm. If the worst happened, Watson wondered, would she even be able to bring their baby home from the hospital?

"There was this possibility that if something were to happen to Anna, my son could end up in foster care and I hadn't done anything wrong," Watson said from their home in Narragansett, Rhode Island.

Three years after the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case that gave same-sex couples the right to marry nationwide, a patchwork of outdated state laws governing who can be a legal parent presents obstacles for many LGBTQ couples who start a family, lawyers say.



In this Friday, Nov. 16, 2018, photo, Anna Ford, left, and her partner, Sara Watson, pose with their son Eli, in the village of Saunderstown, in Narragansett, R.I. Associated Press.

But things are beginning to change. A simple hospital form that has long been off limits to same-sex couples because it only had room for the "mother" and "father" are now gender-

to their parents and we're not getting the job done right now," said Patience Crozier, an attorney with GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders. "Some states are and that's incredibly powerful and we need to keep moving in that direc-

Since the 2015 gay marriage ruling, same-sex couples have won some big legal victories in the arena of parental rights, like when the high court ordered Arkansas to list both same-sex spouses on their children's birth certificates last year. But differing state laws still means same-sex partners

are less well-off, they just don't bother to do it and who didn't give birth can if there is a break up or a dispute or whatever, the non-biological partner can but a legal stranger to their child if they move or go wind up completely out on a trip, lawyers say. And of luck," said Washington the situation is even more state Sen. Jamie Pedersen, complicated for unmarried a Democrat who pushed

the bill to overhaul the state's parenting laws.

Now advocates hope that will be a thing of the past for many same-sex couples, thanks to the hospital form that has long been used by unmarried heterosexual couples to establish who the legal father is. When an unmarried women gives birth, the man signs a "voluntary acknowledgement of paternity" form at the hospital and files it with the state to get on the child's birth certificate and obtain the equivalent of a court order declaring him the dad.

Now that the form will be gender-neutral in several states, same-sex partners can also establish their parental rights in certain cases, like if were the intended parent of a child born through assisted reproductive technology, such as IVF. In Massachusetts, only unmarried couples can use the form, while married couples can in other states. "Everybody who gives birth can sign it for free. It should have the force of a court order in every state. That is going to have a huge impact on the recognition of parents in the future," Sakimura said.

LGBTQ couples who have

To guarantee their parental

rights are protected across

the country, many advo-

cates encourage same-sex

partners to go through with

second-parent adoptions,

even if they're married and

both their names are on the

birth certificate. Without an

adoption, the partner who

didn't give birth to the child

can find themselves in a

lengthy and costly custody

dispute if the couple breaks

up or something happens

to the biological mother,

Adoptions, however, can

cost thousands of dollars

and take months. And

many couples choose not

to because they view it as

invasive and offensive that

they would have to adopt

their own child, said Cathy

Sakimura, deputy director

and family law director for

the National Center for Les-

"For a lot of couples that

lawyers say.

bian Rights.

children.

In Rhode Island, which hasn't updated its laws, Watson and her partner, Anna Borman, were told they couldn't sign the form when Borman gave birth in 2016 because Watson wasn't a man.

So until Watson's adoption of Eli was finalized eight months later, she had no legal link to him, creating logistical complications and fear, they said. Watson couldn't add him to her life insurance policy and needed written permission from Borman just to pick him up from day care, she said.

"It can't be emphasized how degrading this process has been," Borman said. "In Psych 101, they teach you how important it is for your kid to feel safe and secure and we were walkina around feelina the opposite of that and yet trying to emanate this sense of security for our son," she said.Q

neutral in some states. That means same-sex partners in Massachusetts, Vermont and Nevada — and soon in California and Washington state — can quickly and easily secure their parental rights with the form rather than having to spend thousands of dollars in court to get an adoption. "Kids need to be secured

tion," Crozier said.

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Government climate report warns of worsening US disasters

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The recent Northern California wildfires can be attributed to climate change, but there was less of a connection to those in Southern California, said coauthor William Hohenstein of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "A warm, dry climate has increased the areas burned over the last 20 years," he said at a press conference Friday.

The report is mandated by law every few years and is based on more than 1,000 previous research studies. It details how global warming from the burning of coal, oil and gas is hurting each region of the United States and how it impacts different sectors of the economy, including energy and

agriculture.

"Climate change is transforming where and how we live and presents growing challenges to human health and quality of life, the economy, and the natural systems that support us," the report says.

That includes worsening air pollution causing heart and lung problems, more diseases from insects, the potential for a jump in deaths during heat waves, and nastier allergies.

"Annual losses in some economic sectors are projected to reach hundreds of billions of dollars by the end of the century — more than the current gross domestic product (GDP) of many U.S. states," the report says. It'll be especially costly on the nation's coasts because

of rising seas and severe storm surges, which will lower property values. And in some areas, such as parts of Alaska and Louisiana, coastal flooding will likely force people to relocate.

"We are seeing the things we said would be happening, happen now in real life," said another co-author Katharine Hayhoe of Texas Tech University. "As a climate scientist it is almost surreal."

And Donald Wuebbles, a co-author from University of Illinois climate scientist, said, "We're going to continue to see severe weather events get stronger and more intense."

What makes the report different from others is that it focuses on the United States, then goes more local and granular.

"All climate change is local," said Pennsylvania State University climate scientist Richard Alley, who wasn't part of the report but praised it.

While scientists talk of average global temperatures, people feel extremes more, he said. "We live in our drought, our floods and our heat waves. That means we have to focus on us," he said.

The Lower 48 states have warmed 1.8 degrees (1 degree Celsius) since 1900 with 1.2 degrees in the last few decades, according to the report.

By the end of the century, the U.S. will be 3 to 12 degrees (1.6 to 6.6 degrees Celsius) hotter depending on how much greenhouse gases are released into the atmosphere, the report warns.

Outside scientists and officials from 13 federal agencies wrote the report, which was released on the afternoon following Thanksgiving.

It was originally scheduled for December. The report often clashes with the president's past statements and tweets on the legitimacy of climate change science, how much of it is caused by humans, how cyclical it is and what's causing increases in recent wildfires. Trump tweeted this week about the cold weather hitting the East including: "Brutal and Extended Cold Blast could shatter ALL RECORDS - Whatever happened to

Global Warming?"

What makes a California wildfire the worst? Deaths and size

By JOHN ROGERS, Associated Press

The so-called Camp Fire in Northern California in many ways has become the worst wildfire in the history of a state whose topography and climate have long made it ripe for devastating blazes.

With terrain ranging from steep, tree-topped mountains to dry, brush-covered hillsides, and matched with a climate that frequently varies from light rainy seasons to drought years, California has been home to deadly, destructive wild-fires since record-keeping began in the early 20th century.

Figuring out just how bad a wildfire is requires taking into account several statistics, including not only lives lost and homes destroyed but other buildings burned and the amount of forest, timberland and brush laid to waste.

A look at what makes for the worst wildfire and where the most recent blaze falls in those categories:

DEADLIEST CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

The Camp Fire, which destroyed the historical mining town of Paradise, is the most deadly in state history, with 84 fatalities as of Friday, according to statistics from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. It's also the deadliest in the U.S. in a century.

With hundreds of people

still reported missing, the death count is likely to rise. The state's second-deadliest wildfire, Los Angeles' 1933 Griffith Park blaze, killed 29 people, most of them workers hired under a Depression-era Works Progress Administration program to widen roads and build trails in the sprawling wilderness park on the edge of downtown Los Angeles.

Those workers had no experience fighting fires and no water readily available when flames erupted. They became trapped in a canyon when they tried to stop it with shovels and their feet by stomping on hot spots.

The Tunnel Fire of 1991 killed 25 when it roared down



In this Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018 file photo smoke hangs over the scorched remains of Old Town Plaza following the wildfire in Paradise, Calif. Authorities say the fire is 95 percent contained Thursday, Nov. 22.

Associated Press.

the densely populated hillsides of Oakland, trapping people in homes and on narrow, winding streets. This third-deadliest wildfire began as a small blaze that

firefighters thought they had contained, only to see it roar back to life when smoldering embers ignited other brush as fierce winds erupted.



Tijuana declares 'humanitarian crisis,' seeks help from UN

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TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — The mayor of Tijuana has declared a humanitarian crisis in his border city and said Friday he was asking the United Nations for aid to deal with the approxi-

The comments by Mayor Juan Manuel Gastelum came as city officials and

mately 5,000 Central Amer-

ican migrants who have

arrived.

By JULIE WATSON, Associ- volunteers worked together to assist the 4,976 men, women and children, most of whom were camped out at a makeshift shelter at a sports complex after spending more than a month on the road. The Trump administration has spent weeks lambasting the caravan, which it said was filled with criminals, gang members and even — it insinuated at one point without any proof — terror-



Migrants sleep on a street near the Chaparral border crossing in Tijuana, Mexico, Friday, Nov. 23,

Associated Press.

Mexico had lost "control" of the situation in Tijuana. "That's serious," he said.

The migrants also were receiving support from local churches, private citizens who have been providing food, as well as various agencies of the Baja California state government, which says it identified 7,000 job openings for those who qualify.

Adelaida Gonzalez, 37, of Guatemala City arrived in Tijuana three days ago and was having a hard time adjusting. She was tired of sleeping on a blanket on a dirt field, of waiting 30 minutes to go to the bathroom and again to get food and didn't know how much more she could take.

"We would not have risked coming if we had known it was going to be this hard," said Gonzales, who left Guatemala with her 15-year-old son and her neighbor.

She said she was considering accepting Mexico's offer to stay and work in Chiapas as a refugee.

Some of the migrants staged a small demonstration at the city's Chaparral border crossing Thursday, and a few dozen spent the night there. Police cordoned off the streets around the crossina tangling traffic, but pedestrian traffic across the border continued uninterrupted Friday.





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Manuel Figueroa, who leads the city's social services department, said Ti-

juana was bringing in portable toilets and showers, as well as shampoo and soap.

It wasn't enough.

ists.

"Because of the absence, the apathy and the abandonment of the federal government, we are having to turn to international institutions like the U.N.," Figueroa said.

Rene Vazquez, 60, a Tijuana resident who was volunteering at the stadium, said Mexico's federal government ignored the problem by allowing the caravan to cross the country without stopping. Now the city of 1.6 million is stuck with the fallout.

"I don't have anything against the migrants, they were the most deceived, but this is affecting us all," Vazauez said.

Gastelum vowed not to commit the city's public resources to dealing with the situation. On Thursday, his government issued a statement saying that it was requesting help from the U.N.'s Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Vasquez, who plays on a soccer team that uses the sports complex, said Mexico should step up now and process humanitarian visas for the group so they

can start looking for work. Meanwhile, since his soccer team can no longer practice in the stadium, he was spending time passing out donated pizzas and roasted chicken to the migrants.

The migrant caravan that left Honduras in mid-October was mostly well received by the towns it passed through along the way to the border. Even cities with few resources made sure the migrants had food and a place to

But in those places, the caravan stayed at most two nights — with the exception of Mexico City. In Tijuana, many of the migrants who are fleeing violence and poverty are seeking asylum in the United States and face the prospect of spending months in the border city before they have the opportunity to speak with a U.S. official.

Gastelum said Friday that the Mexican government has talked about sending 20 tons of resources to Tijuana to help but that threefourths consisted of materials to reinforce the border and only 5 tons were for the migrants.

The mayor also criticized the federal government for not taking more seriously President Donald Trump's threat Thursday to shut down the border if his administration determined



Ruling in genital mutilation case shocks women's advocates

By AMY FORLITI, Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)

Women's rights advocates say they're shocked after a federal judge in Michigan ruled this week that a law protecting girls from genital mutilation was unconstitutional.

Dr. Jumana Nagarwala was among eight people charged in federal court in

connection with the genital mutilation of nine girls from Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois.

thrown out Tuesday, as ban. Judge Bernard Friedman ruled that a law banning the practice was unconstitutional.

He said Congress didn't have the power to regulate the issue.

Legal experts say the judge made clear that states have authority to ban the practice.

Most of the case was But 23 states have no such

The AHA Foundation works to protect women from aenital mutilation.

The group says it fears girls will now be brought to one of those states for the procedure.



In this April 21, 2017 file photo, FBI agents leave the office of Dr. Fakhruddin Attar at the Burhani Clinic in Livonia, Mich., after completing a search for documents.

Associated Press

Alabama mall shooting leaves 1 dead, 2 wounded

HOOVER, **Ala**. **(AP)** — Police responding to a fight inside an Alabama shopping mall shot and killed a man who had brandished a weapon, authorities said Friday. Two other people were injured, including a 12-year-old girl. The Hoover Police Department said in a statement that two men were engaged in a "physical altercation" at the glitzy Riverchase Galleria in Hoover late Thursday, when one of the men pulled out a handgun and shot the other man twice.

Two officers who were providing security at the mall heard the gunfire and approached the area. They spotted a suspect waving a pistol and shot him. He died at the scene. His name was not immediately released, but police said he was 21 years old and from Hueytown.

The other shooting victim was an 18-year-old male from Birmingham. He was taken to a nearby hospital in serious condition. A 12-year-old bystander was also shot and taken to Children's Hospital by a Hoover Fire Department rescue squad.

Police said the fight happened on the mall's second floor concourse area, near the entrance to the Footaction shoe store. Capt. Greg Rector said at a news conference that investigators do not know what sparked the original confrontation between the men.



This Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018, image made from a video provided by ABC 33/40, authorities respond after reports of shots fired at the Riverchase Galleria in Hoover, a Birmingham, Ala., suburb. Associated Press.

A witness, Lexi Joiner, told Al.com she was shopping with her mother when the gunfire started. Joiner said she heard six or seven shots and was ordered, along with some other shoppers, into a supply closet for cov-

"It was terrifying," Joiner

A woman who described herself as the mother of the injured 12-year-old posted on social media that the girl was on a Black Friday

shopping trip with other family members when the shooting happened, and didn't immediately realize that the pain in her back name was not released. stores. was from a bullet.

very brave and positive as always," the mother wrote after seeing the girl when she arrived at a hospital. Hoover police said Friday morning that the girl was in stable condition.

The officer who shot the gunman was placed on administrative leave while the Jefferson County Sher-Office investigates the shooting. The officer's The officers were not hurt.

"She was hurting a lot, but Video posted on social media by shoppers showed a chaotic scene as shoppers fled the mall, which closed for the remainder of Thursday night.

> The mall, located in the Birmingham suburb of Hoover, reopened at 6 a.m. Friday, a Riverchase Galleria mall

security officer said. It bills itself as the largest enclosed shopping center in Alabama, with more than 150





Associate of Roger Stone in plea talks with Mueller

By CHAD DAY **Associated Press** JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)

 A conservative writer and associate of Trump confidant Roger Stone said Friday that he is in plea talks with special counsel Robert Mueller's team.

Jerome Corsi told The Associated Press he has been negotiating a potential plea but declined to comment further. He said on a YouTube show earlier this month that he expected to be charged with lying to federal investigators, though he said at the time that he was innocent of wrongdoing.

Mueller's team questioned Corsi as part of an investigation into Stone's connections with WikiLeaks. American intelligence agencies have assessed that Russia was the source of hacked material released by WikiLeaks during the 2016 election that damaged Hillary Clinton's campaign. Mueller's office is trying to determine whether Stone and other associates of President Donald Trump had advance knowledge of WikiLeaks' plans.



In this Oct. 7, 2008, file photo, Jerome Corsi, right, arrives at the immigration department in Nairobi, Kenya.

The confirmation of plea It's unclear if the charges talks — first reported by The Washington Post — comes as Mueller's team has just received fresh information from Trump personally and as federal prosecutors in Virginia recently inadvertently disclosed the existence of sealed charges against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange.

against Assange are related to Mueller's investigation, but WikiLeaks was singled out in an indictment last summer against a aroup of Russian intelligence officers accused of carrying out the wideranging hack of Clinton's campaign and other Democratic organizations.

Associated Press It's also not known if any plea by Corsi signals a new raft of charges by the special counsel or just that investigators are aggressively pursuing cases against people they believe made false statements to investigators. Mueller has brought such cases against four others, including former national security adviser Mi-

In a brief phone call with the AP, Corsi declined to elaborate on the details of any plea deal or say if a court hearing had been set.

Corsi, the former Washington bureau chief of the conspiracy theory outlet InfoWars, has said he cooperated with the probe for about two months after he received a subpoena in August. As part of that cooperation, he turned over two computers and a cell phone and provided the FBI access to his email accounts and tweets.

But he said earlier this month that talks with investigators recently had "blown up."

"I fully anticipate that in the next few days, I will be indicted by Mueller," he said. The spokesman for the special counsel, Peter Carr, declined comment on Friday. Shortly after his YouTube show appearance, Corsi broke off a scheduled interview with NBC News and declined any other media interviews. His comments Friday were the first since

Duck boat owner settles with Missouri family over accident

Associated Press KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) —

duck boat that sank on a Missouri lake in the summer, killing 17 people, has settled the first of several lawsuits filed in the accident. William Bright, 65, and his 63-year-old wife, Janice, of Higginsville, Missouri, were among those killed in the July 19 accident on Table Rock Lake. Their three adult daughters filed suit soon af-

The company that owns a

Adam Graves, an attorney for the family, told the Kansas City Star that the settlement with Ripley Entertainment was finalized Thursday, and that his clients were satisfied with the settlement.

"One of the first things Ripley said when they came into mediation was, 'We are a family company, and we value family," he said.



Mo., is raised.

Terms were not disclosed. A Ripley spokeswoman declined immediate com-

Three others named in the suit will remain defendants. They are Ride the Ducks In-

ternational LLC, a division of Ripley; the captain of the duck boat, Kenneth Scott McKee; and the driver on land, Robert Williams, who died when the boat sank. amphibious The boat

Associated Press known as Stretch Duck 07 went down amid turbulent waters as a strong storm hit the Branson area.

The duck boat tours begin on land with a tour of the town known for its country music shows before a short excursion on Table Rock Lake.

A federal grand jury this month indicted McKee. He is accused of several violations of federal law overseeing boat captains, including not properly assessing incoming weather before taking the boat out on water, failing to tell passengers to use flotation devices, and other violations. The federal investigation is ongoing.

The Brights were visiting Branson for their 45th wedding anniversary. The lawsuit said the company and operators of the boat had warning that a storm was approaching when the boat entered the lake at 6:55 p.m., about 20 minutes after the National Weather Service had issued a severe storm warning for the Branson area.

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Salt stress: Road salt prices higher as winter looms

By MICHAEL HILL **Associated Press**

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Budget-busting road salt prices are leaving municipal officials in the Snow Belt hoping for a mild winter.

Salt supplies are tight on the heels of a harsh winter last year that depleted reserves, leaving many localities in the Northeast and Great Lakes to pay prices that range from about 5 percent higher to almost double.

"Everybody's got their fingers crossed for good weather," said Rebecca Matsco, an official in western Pennsylvania's Beaver County, where one contract price came in at \$109 a ton, 95 percent higher than last year.

The increases are frustrating to local officials who are locked into tight budgets. Some highway superintendents say they could choose to make their salt supplies last by mixing in more sand, which is cheaper. And others say



In this March 12, 2018 file photo, road salt is mixed by a front-end loader prior to loading onto public works trucks in Freeport, Maine.

it could force them to defer other road projects. But they can't stop salting slick roads.

"It doesn't mean that we're going to stop salting, it just means that it's going to be more expensive to ton, a mere 5 percent in-

get these materials," said Jack Cunningham, public works commissioner in the Albany, New York, suburb of Colonie, which is getting a relative bargain through a state contract of \$62 a

Associated Press crease from last year.

Ohio's Lake Township, which is paying about \$90 a ton, says the good news is that it started the snow season with about 85 percent of what it needed in That town's road superintendent, Daniel Kamerer, says he also employs a technique to make the salt go further — moistening the salt with brine or other liquids to make it stick to the road rather than bouncing

Orders can cover thousands of tons, and the prices localities paying now per ton vary widely based on the supplier, volume, shipping costs and other factors. Officials in snowy Syracuse, New York, for instance, report flat costs after extending a contract from last year.

Production issues at two major North American salt mines have contributed to tight supplies.

Cargill is addressing a leak in a salt mine 1,800 feet under Lake Erie off Cleveland, one of three U.S. mines the company operates. Company spokesman Justin Barber said it is working to fix leakage, but "it's lowering our salt production capacity for this winter season."

Immigration agents arrest man who left church after a year

By JONATHAN DREW **Associated Press**

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — An immigrant who sought refuge from deportation in a North Carolina church for 11 months was detained Friday at a scheduled appointment with immigration officials, prompting more than a dozen supporters to block a law enforcement van and wind up under arrest themselves.

Mexican national Samuel Oliver-Bruno, 47, was detained at a Raleigh-area immigration office, according to a U.S. Immigration and Customs enforcement news release.



In this Dec. 13, 2017, photo Samuel Oliver-Bruno glances back before preparing for interviews after the press conference held at CityWell United Methodist Church in Durham, N.C.

The advocacy group Aler-statement that Oliver-Bruno ta Migratoria NC said in a went to have fingerprints

Associated Press

taken so he could apply to stay in North Carolina with his wife and son. He has been living in CityWell United Methodist Church in Durham since late 2017 to avoid the reach of immigration officers, who generally avoid making arrests at churches and other sensitive locations.

ICE said Oliver-Bruno, who has lived in North Carolina for two decades, had no legal basis to be in the U.S. and had exhausted his "extensive" appeals. Oliver-Bruno pleaded guilty in 2014 to using false documents to try to re-enter the U.S. in Texas after a trip outside the country, according to court documents.

Several dozen protesters came to the federal immigration office in Morrisville in hopes of dissuading authorities from arresting Oliver-Bruno. Alerta Migratoria said Oliver-Bruno was detained and put into a van after entering the office, and that supporters were arrested trying to block the

Online booking records show at least 20 demonstrators were arrested at the immigration office on charges including failure to disperse and resisting officers.



Brexit deal almost done, but Spain holds out over Gibraltar

By JILL LAWLESS **BARRY HATTON Associated Press**

LONDON (AP) — Spain pushed Friday for a castiron guarantee of its say over the future of Gibraltar as a condition for backing a divorce agreement between Britain and European Union, as U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May battled to win approval for the deal from skeptical politicians and a Brexit-weary populace.

Spain's leader warned he would oppose the deal, which lays out the terms of Britain's departure in March and sets up a framework for future relations, if language wasn't added on Gibraltar, the disputed territory at the tip of the Iberian peninsula. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez — who is due to join other EU leaders at a Brussels summit on Sunday to rubber-stamp the deal — tweeted that Britain and Spain "remain far away" on the issue and "if there are no changes, we will veto Brexit."

Spain wants the future of the tiny territory, which was ceded to Britain in 1713 but is still claimed by Spain, to be a bilateral issue between Madrid and London. Last year's EU guidelines on the Brexit negotiations effectively gave Spain veto



Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May arrives to make a statement outside 10 Downing Street, London, Thursday Nov. 22, 2018.

Associated Press

prior agreement of Spain." cerns on Gibraltar, but that he had not yet seen it in "We have a promise, a

commitment, from the British government saying they are ready to ... guarantee that they will go along with the clarification we have requested," he said.

After a meeting in Brussels Friday of senior EU officials, the Spanish government said negotiations were continuing but not enough progress had been made to drop the veto threat.

Britain and the EU say the withdrawal agreement won't be changed but haven't ruled out putting something in writing to allay Spain's fears.

May said Friday that "we have been working with the government of Gibraltar and the government of Spain" on measures for Gibraltar. Chief Minister of Gibraltar Fabian Picardo criticized Spain's insistence on a written guarantee, saying Gibraltar — a largely self-governing British overseas territory — "has demonstrated that we actually want a direct engagement with Spain on issues."

"Spain is the physical and geographical gateway to Europe for Gibraltar," Picardo told the BBC. "We recognize that and there is absolutely no need for us to be vetoed into being brought to the table."

Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman said Germany believed outstanding questions would be cleared up in time for Sunday's summit to go ahead.

"We assume that open questions can be cleared up by Sunday," spokesman Steffen Seibert said. "That is being worked on intensively, so the chancellor is preparing for the trip to Brussels."

powers over future relations between the bloc and the British overseas territory. But Spanish officials are concerned that a key clause in the agreement referring to U.K.-EU negotiations on their future relationship makes no mention of Gibraltar. Spanish government spokeswoman Isabel Celaa said Spain required an "absolute guarantee" that any future agreement between the EU and the U.K. in matters regarding Gibraltar "will require the

Spain doesn't have a veto on the withdrawal agreement, which doesn't have to be approved unanimously. But it could hold up a future free-trade deal between Britain and the EU, which would require the approval of all 27 EU nations.

Spain's junior minister for the European Union, Luis Marco Aguiriano, said Friday that British authorities had made a commitment to address Spain's con-

Macedonia, Greece say progress made on school books talks

By COSTAS KANTOURIS **Associated Press** THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP) — Senior officials from Greece and neighbor Macedonia said Friday that progress has been made in talks to revise school books in the two countries as part of an effort to end hostility between the two countries. The two Balkan countries are seeking to end decades of tension with an agreement that would see Greece's neighbor change its name to North Macedonia and both sides takes a series of actions aimed at refraining from hostile actions or rhetoric.

\Progress was reviewed at a meeting Friday in the northern Greek city of Thessaloniki where foreign min-



Macedonian Foreign Minister Nikola Dimitrov answers a question during a joint news conference with his Danish counterpart Anders Samuelsen following their meeting at the foreign ministry in Skopje, Macedonia on Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018. **Associated Press**

isters and Cabinet trade officials from Greece, Macemeeting.

"History should be an opdonia, Bulgaria and Alba-portunity to learn in schools nia attended a one-day and not be a (mental) prison," Greek Deputy Foreign Minister George Katrougalos said at the end of the meetings.

Facing strong objections from opposition parties in both countries, the name deal would allow Macedonia to join NATO. But it still requires a constitutional revision in Macedonian and ratification by parliament in Greece.

country declared independence from Yugoslavia in 1991. Greece sees the name as a potential threat to the territory and ancient heritage of its own region of Macedonia.

Under a provisional agreement reached in June,

Greece and Macedonia also pledged to "take effective measures to prohibit any hostile actions or propaganda ... likely to incite chauvinism, hostility, irredentism and revisionism." That action includes removing references in school books that could cause offense, and the two countries set up a 14-member joint academic committee The two countries have to review them. The combeen at odds over Mace- mittee held its first meet donia's name since the in Thessaloniki earlier this month. "They had a very constructive meeting ... they approved the methodology for their work and I think the tone and atmosphere of the meeting was very encouraging," Macedonian Foreian Minister Nikola Dimitrov said.

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Kosovo police arrest 4 Serbs, sparking protests in the north

By SYLEJMAN KLLOKOQI **LLAZAR SEMINI Associated Press** PRISTINA, Kosovo (AP) —

Tensions in Kosovo rose again Friday after police arrested three ethnic Serbs, including two police officers, early Friday on suspicion of involvement in the killing earlier this year of a leading Serb politician in the north of the country.

The three men were arrested in the Serb-dominated town of Mitrovica, 40 kilometers (25 miles) north of the capital, Pristina, as suspects in the January slaying of Oliver Ivanovic, police said in a statement. A fourth Serb was arrested for resisting police. A fifth person is still at large, police said.

Police said they seized evidence for the investigation into Ivanovic's killing during raids in four locations. more than 40 witnesses to vica, as well as several bor-



Police officers stand by the graffiti that shows Serbian coat of arms and silhouettes of people, reading: "... because there's no turning back", in northern Serb-dominated part of ethnically divided town of Mitrovica, Kosovo, Friday, Nov. 23, 2018.

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drone, automatic weapons and ammunition and other equipment found in the raids.

Prosecutor Syle Hoxha said they have questioned

Police showed photos of a date in the case. Nobody has yet been charged in the slaying.

> Thousands of Serbs protested in Kosovo towns, some blocking all main roads leading to Northern Mitro-

der posts with Serbia. No violence was immediately reported.

Kosovo's ethnic Albanians fought a bloody war with Serbia from 1998-1999 which ended with a 78-day NATO air campaign in June

Kosovo declared independence from Serbia in 2008 which Belgrade still refuses to recognize.

Earlier this week, tensions soared after Kosovo failed to become a member of the international police organization, Interpol, following intense lobbying by Serbia. Kosovo slapped a 100 percent tax on goods imported from Serbia in apparent retaliation.

In Belgrade, Serbia President Aleksandar Vucic said the arrests were a "demonstration of force" that he said was designed to frighten the Serbs in Kosovo and

avert attention from the taxes that Kosovo imposed in violation of a regional trade agreement.

"We must prepare ourselves for long-term support for our people (in Kosovo) that won't be easy, simple or cheap," said Vucic. "Serbia will not agree to new rules and new blackmail against our country and our people."

Vucic spoke after a meeting with the members of the Serbian government. He held meetings earlier on Friday with security officials and the ambassadors or Russia and China, Serbia's allies in its refusal to recognize Kosovo's independence.

Kosovo Prime Minister Ramush Haradinaj's Cabinet appealed for calm and said the police operation was not linked to any political development.

95-year-old alleged SS camp guard faces charges in Germany

By DAVID RISING **Associated Press**

BERLIN (AP) — A 95-yearold man has been charged with more than 36,000 counts of being an accessory to murder on allegations that he served as a guard at the Nazis' Mauthausen concentration camp, Berlin prosecutors said Friday.

Hans Werner H., whose last name wasn't released because of privacy regulations, is accused of serving as an SS guard in the camp in northern Austria

1945.

During that time, 36,223 people were killed at Mauthausen, primarily by gassing, but also by lethal injection, shootings, starvation or exposure, prosecutor Martin Steltner said. The suspect isn't accused of inmates," Stelliner said, of a specific killing, but prosecutors argue that as a guard he helped the camp function. Overall, about 95,000 people are believed to have died in the Mauthausen camp system including 14,000

from mid-1944 to early Jews, but also Soviet prisoners of war, Spaniards who had fought against Gen. Francisco Franco, and others.

> "With his service as a guard he aided or at least made easier the killing of many thousands adding that the suspect denies the charges.

Efraim Zuroff, the top Nazi hunter at the Simon Wiesenthal Center, noted that Wiesenthal himself was an inmate at Mauthausen when it was liber-



In this June 17, 2008 file photo, young people and participants of a conference of the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research visit the former Nazi concentration camp in Mauthausen, Austria. **Associated Press**

1945. Wiesenthal died in 2005 after devoting his life

ated by Americans in May to tracking down Nazi war criminals so they could be brought to trial.



4 killed in brazen attack at Chinese consulate in Pakistan

By ADIL JAWAD Associated Press KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) —

Armed separatists stormed the Chinese Consulate in Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi on Friday, triggering an intense hour-long shootout during which two Pakistani civilians, two police officers and all three assailants were killed, including one who was wearing a suicide vest, Pakistani officials said.

The brazen assault, claimed by a militant group from the southwestern province of Baluchistan, reflected the separatists' attempt to strike at the heart of Pakistan's close ties with major ally China, which has invested heavily into road and transportation projects in the country, including in Baluchistan.

The Baluch Liberation Army said it was fighting "Chinese occupation" and released photos of the three attackers.

In Beijing, Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said China would not waver in its latest big project in Pakistan — the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor — and expressed confidence that Pakistan could ensure safety. Still, China asked Pakistan to beef up security



Pakistani troops move in the compound of Chinese Consulate in Karachi, Pakistan, Friday, Nov. 23, 2018.

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at the mission.

Authorities said the dead civilians were a father and a son who were picking up their visas for China. The consulate's diplomats and staff were unhurt and were evacuated to a safe place, senior police official Ameer Ahmad Sheikh said. A spokeswoman at the Jinnah Hospital said a consulate guard was wounded and was being treated there.

The attack began shortly

after 9 a.m. when the consulate was open for business. The militants fired at consulate guards and hurled grenades, breaching the main gate and entering the building, said Mohammad Ashfaq, a local police chief.

Pakistani security forces quickly surrounded the area. Local TV stations broadcast images showing smoke rising from the building, which also serves as the residence of Chinese

diplomats and other staff. Multiple blasts were heard soon afterward but Sheikh could not say what they were. The shootout lasted for about an hour.

"Because of a quick response of the guards and police, the terrorists could not" reach the diplomats, Sheikh said after the fighting ended. "We have completed the operation."

He added that authorities would try to identify the assailants through finger-

prints.

Geng, the Chinese spokesman, said the attackers did not get into the consulate itself, and that the exchange of fire took place outside the building. The discrepancy with the Pakistani officials' reports could not be immediately reconciled.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi spoke to his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi by phone and assured him that a "thorough investigation will be carried out to apprehend the perpetrators their financiers, planners and facilitators" linked to the attack on consulate, according to a foreign ministry statement. It quoted Yi as saying that the attack was an attempt to impact Pakistan China relations and to harm the two countries' economic pact.

Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan condemned the attack and praised the Karachi police and the paramilitary rangers for their courage. He ordered an investigation and vowed that such incidents would never be able to undermine relations with China, which are "mightier than the Himalayas and deeper than the Arabian Sea."

Orban says Hungary to evaluate Gruevski extradition request

By PABLO GORONDI
Associated Press
BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)
— Hungarian authorities
will evaluate and give an

opinion on the extradition

donia for its fugitive former prime minister who has been given asylum in Hungary, the Hungarian prime minister said Friday.

Viktor Orban said on state radio that Nikola Gruevs-



In this picture taken April 2, 2018, former Macedonian Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski, left, arrives at the criminal court in Skopje, Macedonia.

Associated Press

ki, who fled Macedonia last week to avoid serving a two-year prison term for corruption, is an ally of Hungary who deserves fair treatment. Orban, who had anti-migrant border fences built in 2015, said that without similar policies from Gruevski, who was prime minister between 2006 and 2016, "it would have been much more difficult, if at all possible, to protect the Hungarian border."

"He was the first Balkan politician who built a fence," Orban said. "That is why we always thought of Macedonia and of his person as an ally. One treats one's allies fairly."

After making his way out of Macedonia in still unclear circumstances, Gruevski

made an asylum request at a Hungarian diplomatic mission in Albania last week. Later, he traveled through several Balkan countries in Hungarian diplomatic vehicles, escorted by Hungarian diplomats.

Orban described Gruevski's journey through Balkans as an exciting "thriller" and insisted that the matter was a legal one, not a political one and that his government was not involved in the asylum decision.

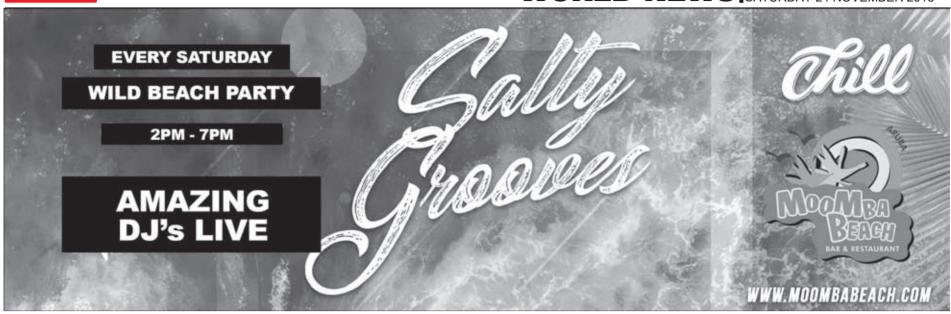
Orban said it was "important" that the Hungarian government refrain also from commenting on Gruevski's conviction and the several other judicial cases pending against him in his homeland.

"There are complicated

political battles and games going on in Macedonia and the justice system is part of it," Orban said. "I myself don't know what is true and what is not true because it is practically impossible to decide."

Like with much of the criticism coming his way on any issue, Orban sourced it in this case also to Hungarian-American billionaire and philanthropist George Soros, whom he considers an ideological foe and blames — despite repeated denials from Soros — for the migrant surge in Europe of recent years.

Orban said the strongest criticisms of the Hungarian government in the Gruevski case were coming "all from Soros organizations."



10 years on, Mumbai moves on from attacks but scars remain

By VINEETA DEEPAK Associated Press

MUMBAI, India (AP) — Ten years ago, chef Raghu Deora stood face-to-face with death.

He was in the kitchen of the Taj Mahal Palace hotel's private club, The Chambers, when four gunmen walked in with assault rifles and sprayed the guests and hotel staff with bullets. He tried to hide, but his efforts were for naught.

"I was found out by the terrorists. They got me out. Me, along with two more guests, we were made to stand in line and we were shot point blank," he says.

On Nov. 26, 2008, India's financial capital Mumbai was turned into a war zone by a group of Pakistani gunmen who launched coordinated attacks in the heart of the city. They targeted two luxury hotels, a Jewish center, a tourist restaurant and a crowded train station. Three days of carnage killed 166 people, including foreign tourists, and wounded hundreds more.

The epicenter of the assault was the iconic Taj Mahal Palace hotel with its imposing, red-tiled dome overlooking the Gateway of India monument. Thirty-one people died inside the hotel, including staff trying to guide the guests to safety. Visceral images of smoke leaping out of the city landmark have come to define the 60-hour siege.

Deora was shot in his abdomen and leg. The two guests with him were killed, but he was evacuated by hotel security and rushed



In this Nov 17, 2018 photo, the iconic Taj Mahal Palace hotel, the epicenter of the 2008 terror attacks that killed 166 people, with its imposing, red-tiled dome, overlooks the Gateway of India monument, left, in Mumbai, India.

to a hospital. It took him more than three months to recover.

The near-death experience has given the 44-year old chef a new perspective on the fragility of life and an easy sense of humor.

"My entire family is from the army background and no-body's got shot other than me," he says with a laugh. Ten years on, there are few signs of the assault in the 115-year old hotel, which was left ablaze, its opulent interior destroyed.

But the events are not forgotten. A minimally designed memorial for the victims greets visitors in the hotel lobby. A waterfall cascades down behind glass, alongside an installation with names of victims and a tree of life.

"I don't think 10 years is long enough to forget if one was ever able to forget this dark moment in the history," says Puneet Chhatwal, managing director and CEO of The Indian Hotels Company, a Tata group subsidiary that owns the hotel. "Taj Mumbai is not just a hotel. It's a landmark, a monument in itself. It was an attack on Mumbai."

India blamed the attack on the Pakistani militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba, throwing relations between the nuclear-armed neighbors into a tailspin. Indian officials accused Pakistan's intelligence agency of working with the militant group to mastermind the attack—an allegation Islamabad denied.

Even as the country grap-

pled with the diplomatic aftermath of the attack, Taj Mahal Palace staff and management channeled their grief into getting the hotel back on its feet as quickly as possible. The ownership group also offered help to hundreds of survivors and victims' families through the welfare fund set up in December 2008.

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Parts of the hotel reopened within a month of the attacks. The heavily damaged palace wing was reopened in less than two years after a renovation that saw a bullet and grenade-scarred spiral staircase and the blood-splattered hallways repaired, and oriental carpets and precious artifacts put back in place.

It is important to keep the memories of the attack alive to "demonstrate to the world that this should not happen again," Chhatwal says.

Wearing his chef hat and a half-smile, Deora admits that life has changed post 26/11, as the attacks are known in India. He says the terror attacks have made Mumbai more security conscious and aware of its vulnerabilities.

"I will look at the bags lying on a bench twice. Before I would not do that," he says. After the attack, the hotel upgraded its security with more private armed guards, sophisticated baggage and X-ray scanners and metal detectors at the entrance.

"Post 26/11, we spent a lot of money with the help of an international organization in improving our security and safety standards," says Chhatwal.

The man in charge of keeping the majestic building secure is 46-year-old Sunil Gajanan Kudyadi, who has been working at the hotel for 25 years.

As the security manager on duty at the time of the attack, and someone who knew the building layout, he guided elite commandos as they chased the gunmen through intense gunfire and explosions. He also saved many lives, including Deora's.

Making daily rounds of the very corridors where the gunmen held people hostage and killed them, the shy and soft-spoken Kudyadi says he doesn't let it cloud his memory.



In Mexico's border city, Haitians hailed as success story

By JULIE WATSON Associated Press TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) —

A few blocks from a shelter housing members of a Central American migrant caravan sits the first Haitian restaurant to open in Tijuana, a bustling eatery that has come to symbolize an immigrant success story in this Mexican border city where Haitians are now a part of the fabric, landing jobs, studying and marrying locals.

Tijuana welcomed thousands of Haitians to pursue a scaled-down American dream south of the border after the U.S. closed its doors on them more than two years ago. But it has not shown the same tolerance so far toward the Central Americans, who have met official complaints and anti-caravan protests even though most of the people in this city are migrants.

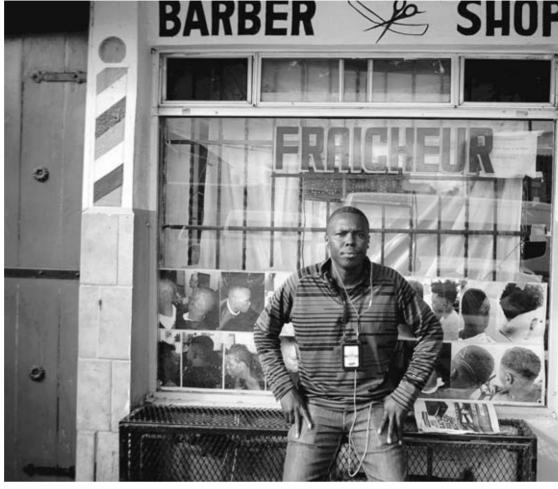
That's raising questions about how the newest group will integrate if it doesn't don't get into the U.S. or return home.

Tijuana Mayor Juan Manuel Gastelum has made a point of saying the city is not happy with the caravan migrants who began arriving last week, and he compared the Central American group unfavorably with the roughly 3,000 Haitians who ended up staying after their bid to reach the U.S. failed.

"The Haitians arrived with their papers, with a clear vision," Gastelum said in an interview posted on the city's Facebook page. They came "in an orderly way, they never asked us for food or shelter," renting apartments and making their own food. He said the Haitians found jobs and "inserted themselves in the city's economy" and had not been involved in any disturbances.

By contrast, Gastelum said, the caravan of Central Americans "had arrived all of sudden, with a lot of people — not all ... but a lot — were aggressive and cocky."

Victor Clark-Alfaro, a professor of Latin American



Philocles Julda, 44, poses for a photo in front of a Haitian barbershop in Tijuana, Mexico, Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018.

Associated Press

studies at San Diego State University who lives in Tijuana, attributes the backlash to the way the caravan arrived — suddenly with thousands pouring in. Others point to social media and the hostile rhetoric of U.S. President Donald Trump, who said it harbored criminals and gang members and was planning an "invasion."

Many also say the actions of a few are tarnishing the image of the roughly 4,000 migrants who are camped in Tijuana. In the past week, city officials have arrested three dozen caravan members for drug possession, public intoxication, disturbing the peace and resisting police, and said they would be deported to their home countries.

It's also only been months since an earlier caravan of Central Americans arrived, and some of them are still in the city waiting to get asylum in the U.S. That has added to fears here that it could be the start of a never-ending deluge.

U.S. border inspectors are processing only about 100 asylum claims a day at Tijuana's main crossing to

San Diego, and there was already a waiting list of 3,000 when the new migrants arrived, so most will have to wait months to even be considered for asylum.

Tijuana has a long history as a kind of Ellis Island for U.S.-bound migrants. It receives up to 80,000 a year from across Mexico, Latin America and more recently as far away as India and Africa. The city has large pockets of Chinese and Korean immigrants.

Central Americans have been coming to the city since the civil wars of the 80s in El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala.

Many in the newly arrived caravan, however, are destitute people who left their homelands at the spur of the moment and have been utterly dependent on handouts along their journey. Many of the Haitians, meanwhile, arrived with at least some resources after working in Brazil, though despite what the mayor said, they also stayed at shelters after taking an accidental route to Tijuana from their impoverished Caribbean homeland. The last group

of Haitians moved out of the Padre Chava shelter in April.

Brazil and its neighbors took in the Haitians after that country's 2010 earthquake. As construction jobs for the 2016 Summer Olympics ended and Brazil's economy slumped, they crossed 10 countries by plane, boat, bus and on foot to San Diego, where U.S. authorities initially let them in on humanitarian grounds.

Then President Barack Obama shifted course in 2016 and started deporting Haitian arrivals. Many decided to stay in Mexico after the government gave them temporary transit permits and have since applied for Mexican residency. The majority in the Central American caravan so far have refused Mexico's repeated offers of residency or asylum and vowed to cross the border.

Many of the Haitians also have college degrees and have been recruited to work for factories that export to the U.S. Some can be found waiting tables and worshipping at congregations that have even added services in Creole.

They opened beauty parlors, shops and restaurants, like Kriskapab Baborijinal, a bright blue-and-red cafe that is busy serving Mexicans and Haitians daily dishes of coconut rice, mashed plantains and goat stew.

In the window is a sign for the Association of the Defense of Haitian Migrants. Philocles Julda, 44, is one of 11 Haitian immigrants who started the group a year ago to give the community a place to help itself with everything from Spanish lessons to paying medical bills.

Julda said he too wanted to get to the U.S. when he first arrived to Tijuana and still wishes he was earning dollars, but said he has been able to make a life here. He works at a factory. "I feel for the migrants who are arriving from other countries just like we did," he said. "But you do adapt." And work is plentiful in Tijuana, whose economy has been growing and whose factories have thousands of openings.

"We have been looking for workers for quite a while," said Alejandrina Yanez, who works in human resources at a factory that makes warehouse storage racks for Costco, Home Depot and other international companies.

Yanez went to the Padre Chava shelter Wednesday to see if any migrants were interested in jobs that pay about \$100 a week.

Omin Velasquez, 26, of Tocoa, Honduras, was intrigued. Velasquez came with the caravan but decided not to continue on to the U.S. after seeing the border wall topped with newly-installed rows of razor wire. He said it took him some days to decide, but he now feels that there are enough opportunities in Tijuana and support from locals that it's not worth the risk of crossing into the U.S. He has started his paperwork to get a Mexican visa to stay.

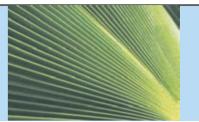
"There is so much work here," he said. "I no longer feel the need to go to the U.S."



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ORANJESTAD - In the year 1974 a group of enthusiastic people, stimulated by the Netherlands, founded the "Stichting Blindenzorg Aruba" foundation. In 1975 the name was changed to the Papiamento name "Fundacion Arubano di esnan Visualmente Incapacita," abbreviated as FAVI, easily recognizable in the community. The name FAVI nowadays is directly linked to the visually impaired. Cetty Baarh, Director of the foundation: "FAVI is for the blind and visually impaired, we are the only one on the island that gives guidance to this group. The objective is to help and guide them with the main purpose to make them happy again. We focus first on happiness because when the person feels good about her or himself again after losing her or his sight, only then we can mean something to them. Only then they accept our help and if they do we concentrate on what they want and need."

Reintegration into Society

Either the eye specialist or the client initiates to come to FAVI. Next they go to their home to see the situation and register their needs. "What do you want? How is your home situation? Do you have problems at your job? are some of the questions we ask. After that we do a practical visual check with a revalidation therapist. The test is not medical but for us to determine the person's visual capacity. When a person has 30% or less they are considered a visually impaired person." In general people with a vision above that, they are not accepted. However the exception is when their functional system is not working well, we need to

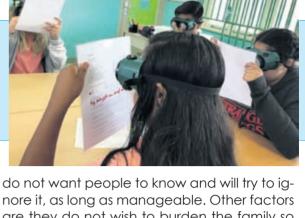


set a guideline. FAVI has ten workers, the director, two teachers, bus drivers, receptionist, and cleaning lady among others. A revalidation therapist gives all trainings and operates the vision testing. She teaches patients how to work on the computer, typing and does Braille classes for clients and teachers as well.

It does not stop there, as the assistant at the school also has to teach Braille to the parents. There are information briefings to the police school and lectures within the community. The activity coordinator takes care of all social activities like trips to the beach or casino and bus trips, a Christmas celebration or a comedy show visit. The social workers visit the homes of the clients and organize conversational sessions as there are so many topics that the clients have issues with and in this group they talk and find solutions. "Depressions are common with our clients but this group helps them a lot, there is a way out. We focus on what they can still do and on acceptance. If you were able to see before and lose your sight it is really very difficult. When a child is born without sight mostly the parents have problems. We need to teach the child how the world appears and we paint that world. Their social behavior differs often from other children as their senses are more developed and they express in a different way which can cause misunderstandings.

3, 105 Visually Impaired

According to Census Aruba 2010 there are 3,105 visually impaired people. FAVI only has 350 clients, by percentage that is comparable to the Netherlands and Curacao. "They do not look for help easily. The reasons are the taboo, they are embarrassed to get out,



do not want people to know and will try to ignore it, as long as manageable. Other factors are they do not wish to burden the family so they keep themselves isolated", the director explains. The majority of the clients are visually impaired because of glaucoma or diabetes; for sure 80% of those illnesses are the cause and also age. A smaller group is born with the illness, like premature babies, babies with eye disease or born with cataracts. "Before the age range was 60 and up, but the clients are getting younger, so 50 and up is now applicable but a growing group are young people in their twenties. This is because of the unhealthy eating lifestyle so they get diabetes that can go hand-in-hand with losing sight."

Reach Out

FAVI visits the doctors to underline the importance of referring clients to them. "We would like to reach everybody, we have the knowledge in-house and the professionals working here. We call on the community to be open to us, even if you do not have this problem yourself, you might know someone in your neighborhood, and friends, family and you help a lot to inform them about us to coax them out of isolation.

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"We would love tourists to come and see our facility to see what we have to offer and interact with clients. Clients are always open to that, so call us and stop by. Every Wednesday we have gym class and we have other classes, it would be great to show you how we work and have you spread the word," Baarh says. FAVI as a foundation receives a government subsidy, mainly to pay the workers and they have other funds from different donations. "We do activities to get funding and we have collectors. We can only run by that. We are in need of equipment and that is expensive, especially for the blind and visually impaired, like Braille type machines, printers etc. For example we have two blind children on the island that follow regular education completely in Braille, so they have their typing machine for Braille. But the technology is advancing and we need to be able to keep up to make sure these kids can proceed in the regular system."

If you would like to visit the foundation, please call + (297) 582-5222 or 582-5051 and ask for Cetty Baarh. If you would like to donate, the bank account is RBC Bank 31 36 6122 or Arubabank 7024380290. For more information visit the website: http://www.favi-aruba.org/or Facebook: FAVI. Thank You!



Carry your cup and join the celebration Jolly Pirates rides high with more than 20 years of sailing success



PALM BEACH — Jolly Pirates has formed a part of the tourism landscape, the billowing sails of its twin schooners decorating the seascape, offering sailing and memorable Aruba vacations. Over the years, it has held to the winning formula of majestic wooden ship, onboard merriment, and expert guidance for snorkeling adventures, while also seeking responsible, 'Green' ways to enhance community efforts. While visitors can still look forward to perfecting their cannonball off the rope swing, they can also now toast to another 20 years with recyclable cups anduse reusable bags to carry off their Jolly Pirates souvenir booty in support of Aruba's Marine Park and marine protection goals.

The beautiful wooden schooner was soon complemented by a teak-decked twin, both skillfully captained by a long-time staff dedicated to entertaining growing fans of the island's most popular sail and snorkel cruises. Jolly Pirates later sought to further serve visitors by adding a souvenir shop. Through the years, and with all its endeavors, Jolly Pirates also carried out some really great eco-friendly initiatives.

"We worked to ensure both our schooners were not only pleasing to the eye and comfortable for our guests, but also that they operated cleanly. In order to reduce our carbon footprint, we installed wind generators and solar panels to help power lights and stereo as well as ensure we used less diesel fuel," comments co-owner Harald Buser who is originally from Holland, and maintains the eco-conscious attitudes with which he was raised.

Co-owner, and native New Englander, Carla Cavallaro also seeks to support a healthy environment. "Giving back to Aruba is easy when you consider all that the island has given me," remarks Carla, who watched her own son Tyler grow up with a love of the sea. Blessed to find home, happiness and business success in Aruba, she is clearly passionate about doing her part to protect the island's treasured marine environment for the next generation.

Ships' Captains Julio, Ron and Edwin have all been with Jolly Pirates since almost the very first sail. Their combined capable assistance and

Jolly Pirates launched its first schooner in 1997. friendliness has become an attraction on its own, with guests looking forward to reconnect with their crew favorites each year. Between first-time visitors and numerous return guests, Jolly Pirates continues to ride high, driven by a long history of positive word-of-mouth and a lengthy list of rave reviews that often relate personal tales of outstanding, onboard experi-



The entire team is proud of their role as members of the Aruba community for the last 20 years and leading green initiatives. We reserve a special thank you to everyone who participates in our reduce and reuse efforts.

Dedication to both good fun as well as sustainable tourism efforts keeps Jolly Pirates on top as a favorite, must-do activity. Join the 20th year celebration by enjoying a Jolly Pirates snorkeling cruise, raising a toast in a recyclable cup, and making an indelible memory of a fantastic Aruba stay.

Transformation Seminar

diverse background has taught her many valuable life lessons. As a nurse, she learned to hone her compassionate nature. As head nurse for the Wit Gele Kruis White Yellow Cross of Aruba she learned to optimize her leadership skills. As coordinator of Student Affairs at the University of Aruba she's learned how to help and encourage her students to believe in themselves and strive to always do their best. All the while, Charisse developed a reputation for being an inspiration. consulting company, E.E. Ventures, grew out of Charisse's desire to inspire people on a bigger

Saturday, October 27th 2018, with the support of the University, as Aruba Bank and ARC Digital Agency and TouchPoint and her loving family, Charisse combined all those prior lessons and used them to carve out a new path as a motivational speaker. People from all walks of life gathered

ORANJESTAD — Charisse Hoen's together in the beautiful AULA building on the University of Aruba's campus for Charisse's first seminar: Transformation.

During the lively three-hour seminar, Charisse and her fabulous guest presenters helped those in attendance learn to recognize, accept, manage and transform their fears from a force that holds them back in life, into a force that helps drive them forward. After an inspired, creative opening and some ice breaking exercises, the participants were broken into two groups. Those that remained in the AULA were treated to presentations from Bert Wielenga and Roke Hoen. Bert guided an exercise to help people practice positive thinking - even during uncomfortable amazing corporate sponsors such situations - and then Roke helped the group find ways to identify their negative thoughts and get them under control.

> Meanwhile, Charisse was busy teaching the other group how to anchor themselves to a positive



thought to help get them through moments of fear and self-doubt. Afterwards, personal presentations were delivered by Junior Rivero and Josette Burke, who have both waged a war against fear and selfdoubt in their lives and come out

After a short break - with delicious snacks courtesy of Subway, Don Pastechi Factory and Smit & Dorlas - the groups traded places before everyone gathered back together for a talk from Aruba's own 'Guru of Mindfulness' Clementia Eugene. Clementia first addressed the

neurology of fear and stressed the importance of mindful breathing; then presented techniques individuals can use to control their fear response. It was amazing to behold, during her guided deep breathing exercises the assembled visibly relaxed.

It was a wonderful morning of education and self-discovery where participants encouraged and felt empowered to share their personal experiences while being supported in a venue of positive energy. You can follow her on Facebook or Instagram for inspiration messages.



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BALASHI – What does a small house, a lighthouse, a candy shop and toys have to do with an utility company? Find out tonight.

The National Water Distribution Plant of Aruba (WEB ARUBA NV) will be inaugurating their mini lighted Christmas town at the main entrance of WEB in Balashi to mark the start of this wonderful season.

Christmas lighting is a part of our culture and therefore it is a season that is very much appreciated by the entire community. This year a group of employees at WEB decided to light up the place and they choose the theme 'Mini Town' in the concept of a village. Lots of colorful lights and Christmas ornaments were used to build this village. Children will be able to sit in the Santa's sleigh and take pictures.

The event starts at 7:30 PM at the Main Gate of WEB ARUBA NV in Balashi. Musical group 'Gaita Las Unicas' will be performing their Christmas repertoire. WEB ARUBA NV would like to invite the entire community of Aruba and its visitors to be part of this wonderful event. Enjoy a Christmas night 'Aruban Style'.





SPORTS









Minnesota Timberwolves center Karl-Anthony Towns dunks during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Brooklyn Nets, Friday, Nov. 23, 2018, in New York.

Associated Press

Rose scores 25 as Timberwolves beat Nets 112-102

By DENIS P. GORMAN Associated Press

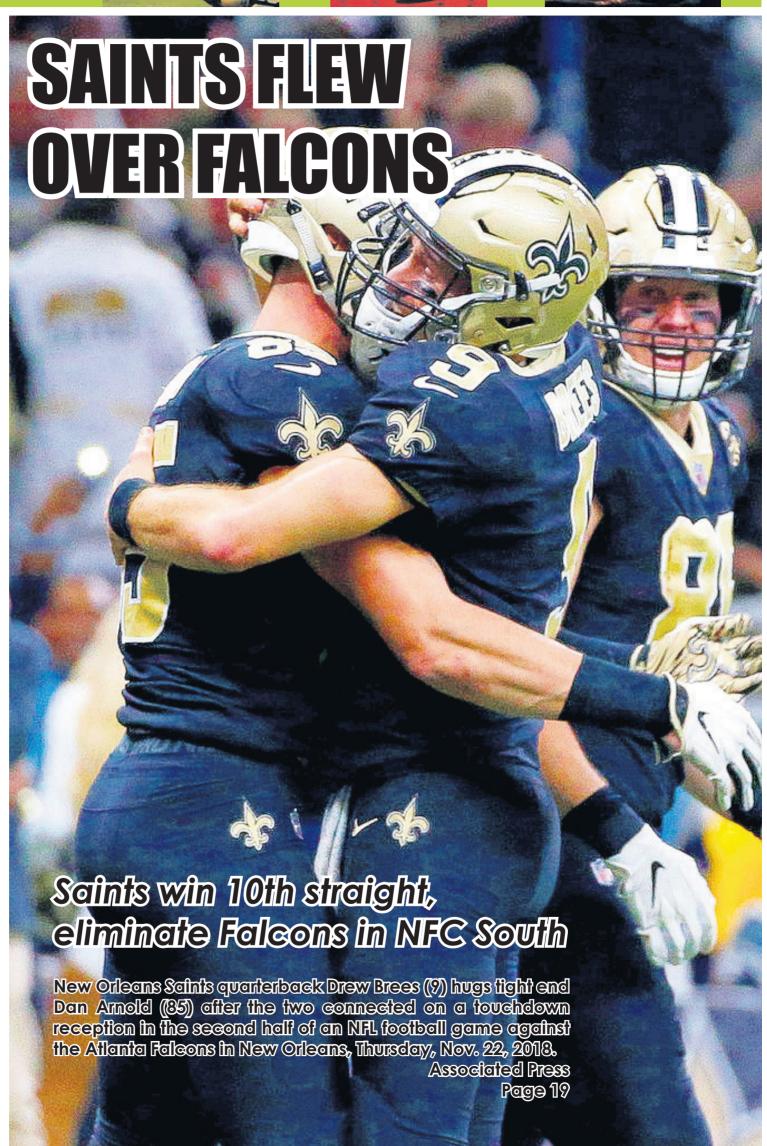
NEW YORK (AP) — Karl-Anthony Towns thinks the real Derrick Rose is shining once again.

Rose scored 25 points, Towns had 21 points and nine rebounds, and the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Brooklyn Nets 112-102 on Friday.

Rose was 11 for 17 from the field, helping Minnesota get back on track after dropping two in a row. The 30-year-old guard won the 2011 NBA MVP award with the Chicago Bulls. He had been hampered by injuries in recent years before his strong start to this season.

"I love telling Derrick how good he is and how MVP Derrick (has) always been there and is still there," Towns said.

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Brooklyn Nets vs. Minnesota Timberwolves

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Taj Gibson had 16 points and 11 rebounds for Minnesota, and Jeff Teague finished with 15 points in the Timberwolves' first road win of the season.

"I trust every single person in the locker room to get the job done," Towns said. Brooklyn had six players score in double figures, but shot 41.8 percent from the field. Joe Harris and Spencer Dinwiddie had 18 points apiece, and DeMarre Carroll finished with 13.

"We have to do a better job coming out and setting the tone," Harris said.

"We just kind of came out and they definitely hit us in the mouth first before we could really engage with them and set the tone early."

The Nets pulled within four on Dinwiddie's two free throws with 3 minutes left. But Rose made a floater and Teague found Robert Covington for a dunk to help the Timberwolves close it out.

Minnesota swept the season series, also winning 120-113 on Nov. 12 at Target Center. The Timberwolves have won three in a row against the Nets dating to last season.

Jarrett Allen and Shabazz "I think we were searching ing a timeout by the Tim-

len Crabbe finished with 11. Nets coach Kenny Atkinson run the lead back out to 15.

Napier each scored 12 for energy but we kind of berwolves, Rose made a points for Brooklyn, and Al- just didn't have the juice," jumper and a 3-pointer to



Minnesota Timberwolves forward Robert Covington (33) and guard Derrick Rose (25) celebrate after Covington scores a goal during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Friday, Nov. 23, 2018, in New York.

Associated Press

"We came into the game said. "I see Towns hurt us in a little lackadaisical," Allen

The Nets trailed by five at the break, but the Timberwolves grabbed control in the third. Towns had 17 points as Minnesota outscored Brooklyn 35-23 in the first 15 points in the final quarter for an 89-72 advantage heading to the fourth.

the post there in the third quarter. We tried different things, tried different guys on him, we tried fronting him. We just couldn't get the stops we needed."

The Nets scored 11 of the quarter to pull within 10 at 93-83 with 9:21 left. Follow-

TIP-INS

Timberwolves: Towns only played 8:13 in the first half due to foul trouble. He committed two fouls in the first auarter, and another early in the second. ... Minnesota shot 47.8 percent (44 for 92) from the field. It also went 15 for 17 from the foul line.

Nets: Harris went 4 for 10 four straight at home.

from 3-point range. The team made 14 of 45 attempts from beyond the arc overall.

GETTING ADJUSTED

Minnesota coach Tom Thibodeau described the adjustment for Covington and Dario Saric since comina over in a trade as "a work in progress." Covington scored seven points against the Nets, and Saric had three.

Covington and Saric were acquired in the Jimmy Butler trade with Philadelphia on Nov. 12.

"Anytime you make a trade midseason that's part of the challenge because they've missed training camp and they know the NBA, but they have to learn their teammates," Thibodeau said. "They're learning a new system, so for the most part I think they've done well.

They've adapted well, but it's something we have to continue to work at.

They come in early, get extra work in to develop a better understanding of what we're trying to do."

UP NEXT

Timberwolves: Host the Chicago Bulls on Saturday night.

Nets: Host the 76ers on Sunday night in the second of

Ducks rally for 2-1 overtime win against Oilers

By DAN GREENSPAN **Associated Press**

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) -Rickard Rakell scored 14 seconds into overtime, and the Anaheim Ducks rallied to beat the Edmonton Oilers 2-1 on Friday.

The Ducks earned their second straight win after a pair of overtime losses to Toronto and Colorado. Nick Ritchie tied the game with 16.2 seconds remaining. and John Gibson made 27 saves.

Nugent-Hopkins Ryan scored a power-play goal for the Oilers. Mikko Koskinen made 23 saves, and Connor McDavid extended his point streak to five games.

Rakell got behind Leon



Edmonton Oilers' Matt Benning, bottom, falls to the ice while fighting for the puck with Anaheim Ducks' Nick Ritchie during the second period of an NHL hockey game Friday, Nov. 23, 2018, in Anaheim, Calif.

Associated Press

Draisaitl for a breakaway and poked the rebound in between Koskinen's legs for his 100th career goal, giving the Ducks a dramatic victory after Ritchie scored on a rebound of Rakell's shot.

The game was scoreless **Nugent-Hopkins** converted a wrist shot from the left circle 8:55 into the third. It was his sixth goal of the season. McDavid got his 19th assist on Nugent-Hopkins' third goal in his past five games. McDavid has three goals and six assists during his point streak. Anaheim's Adam Henrique looked as if he had scored the game's first goal 5:29 timer from the slot, but the officials ruled no goal. The puck never completely crossed the line before Kris Russell aot his stick in to pull it back. A subsequent video review confirmed the call on the ice.

Koskinen was able to re-

main in the game after being hit in the chest on a powerful slap shot by Ryan Getzlaf during a power play early in the third period.

NOTES: Edmonton scratched D Chris Wideman, who was acquired in a trade with Ottawa on Thursday. The Oilers also scratched D Jason Garrison and RW Patrick Russell. ... Ducks D Hampus Lindholm into the third on a one- missed his third straight game because of a lowerbody injury.

UP NEXT

Oilers: Wrap up their threegame road trip at the Los Angeles Kings on Sunday. Ducks: Open a five-game road trip at the Nashville Predators on Sunday.



Saints vs. Falcons: What went right, what went wrong

By BRETT MARTEL **AP Sports Writer**

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Drew Brees made Atlanta pay for losing track of his inexperienced receivers, and New Orleans' defense halted several promising Falcons drives with forced fumbles they could not afford.

Tommylee Lewis and Austin Carr each caught his second career touchdown pass, rookie tight end Dan Arnold and rookie receiver Keith Kirkwood each grabbed their first, and the Saints won their 10th straight game with a 31-17 victory Thursday night that eliminated Atlanta from contention in the NFC South.

All four players entered the NFL as undrafted free agents within the past three years.

"I love that stat," Brees said. "That's one of my favorite ones."

They also had combined for zero touchdowns this season before Carr caught the first of his career last

"It says a lot about taking advantage of the opportunity," Brees said. "It's fun to watch them grow and gain confidence. We're building chemistry, which typically takes time, right? But they've been thrust into this role."

Meanwhile, the Falcons (4-7) lost three fumbles in-



New Orleans Saints tight end Dan Arnold (85) pulls in a touchdown reception over Atlanta Falcons defensive back Sharrod Neasman in the second half of an NFL football game in New Orleans, Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018.

side the Saints 20 — tough for any team to overcome against streaking New Orleans (10-1) this season.

Atlanta quarterback Matt Ryan was stripped by safety Marcus Williams on a thirdand-2 from the Saints 3 and Williams recovered to end Atlanta's opening drive. Julio Jones was stripped by linebacker Alex Anzalone after a catch on the New Orleans 17, and safety Vonn Bell recovered in the final minute of the second quarter to preserve a 17-3 lead going into halftime.

New Orleans' defense, which had a season-high six sacks, continued to come up with big plays in the second half. Anzalone broke up a fourth-down pass in the third quarter and linebacker A.J. Klein intercepted a pass tipped by defensive tackle Tyeler Davison in the fourth.

"I do love the way that we played today," said defensive end Cameron Jordan, who had two sacks. "I do love the four turnovers. I do love the sacks. I do love the pressures. I do love the quarterback hits. For all terms and purposes, we had our Thanksgiving."

Klein's interception gave

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the Saints possession on the Atlanta 22, setting up Kirkwood's diving 4-yard TD catch.

With about four minutes left, cornerback Marshon Lattimore stripped Calvin Ridley on the Saints 1 after a 29-yard completion that looked as though it would end in a touchdown. Defensive back Eli Apple recovered that one.

"When you have one turnover (in the red zone), it feels like a lot," Falcons coach Dan Quinn said. "We had three down there and that was the real story of the game."

Ryan was under pressure all night from a Saints defense that was bolstered by the return of first-round draft choice Marcus Davenport from a toe injury that sidelined him for three games. Marcus Williams, P.J. Williams, Sheldon Rankins and Demario Davis each had a sack. Ryan finished 35 of 47 for 377 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. But little came easy. His first TD pass, to Ridley, came on fourth down from the 2 late in the third quarter. Atlanta rushed for just 26 yards. New Orleans finished with 150, led by Alvin Kamara's 89 and Mark Ingram's 52.

Statistically, Brees did not have one of his more impressive games, completing 15 of 22 passes for 171 yards with his second interception of the season. The pick was snagged by Damontae Kazee, his NFLleading sixth this year.

NEW TARGETS

Brees' ability to play to the strengths of unheralded receivers allowed the Saints to cash in on scoring opportunities. A week earlier, he found rookie Tre'Quan Smith 10 times for 157 yards and a TD, but Smith was ruled out against Atlanta with a foot injury. Another receiver, Ted Ginn Jr., has been out with a knee injury since Week 5.

Warriors star Steph Curry not injured after multicar wreck

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Golden State Warriors said star Stephen Curry wasn't injured after two drivers hit his car on a rain-slicked freeway on Friday.

Porsche on State Route 24 in Oakland when the driver The two-time MVP is out of a Lexus lost control and with a strained left groin struck his car, the California that's set to be re-evalu-Highway Patrol said.

median, and as he waited for officers to arrive, another sedan lost control and rear-ended his Porsche,

Baza said no one was injured or arrested and that rain was a factor in the

"Don't need any reminders but All the Time God is Great and God is Great Curry was driving a black all the time," Curry later tweeted.

ated Saturday. Curry was Curry stopped in the center scheduled to miss his eighth and ninth straight games when the Warriors play at home Friday and Saturday nights.

CHP Officer Herman Baza He was hurt Nov. 8 against the Bucks.



This photo provided by the California Highway Patrol, Oakland Division, shows the black Porsche driven by NBA Golden State Warriors basketball star Stephen Curry after two drivers hit his car on an Oakland, Calif., freeway Friday, Nov. 23, 2018.



Guardiola to get creative again with Mendy out for 3 months

By STEVE DOUGLAS **AP Sports Writer**

With Benjamin Mendy facing another long spell out with a knee injury, Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola is going to have to get creative again at left back. Guardiola said Friday that Mendy would be out for up to three months after undergoing an operation on a meniscus problem during the international break. It leaves the Premier League leaders without a natural left back for one of the busiest parts of the season, including the hectic period over Christmas.

City and Guardiola have been here before, however. Mendy missed the majority of last season after rupturing the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee against Crystal Palace in September 2017. He only returned to the team in April and wasn't fully match sharp heading into the World Cup, when he was second-choice left back — behind Lucas Hernandez — in France's run to the title.

This time, Mendy has injured his left knee, seem-



In this file photo dated Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018, Manchester City's Benjamin Mendy kicks the ball during the English Premier League soccer match against Southampton at Etihad stadium in Manchester, England.

ingly getting hurt against Manchester United in City's last game before the twoweek international break. He played the full 90 minutes in the match, though. "Ten to 12 weeks," Guardiola said, when asked for a timescale on Mendy's absence.

Fabian Delph and Oleksandr Zinchenko — both midfielders — are likely to be called on to fill in for Mendy, just like last season. Delph was the main pick at left back and he was a revelation in an out-ofposition role. Zinchenko, who almost left the club

in the offseason, could be given more of a chance this season and has already played games in the Premier League and Champions League in the opening three months. Another option could be Aymeric

Laporte, a left-footed cen-

ter back who played at left

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back occasionally toward the end of last season including against Liverpool in the Champions League quarterfinals.

The Spanish coach said last season that the absence of Mendy made him change his game plan, specifically meaning that Leroy Sane was his preferred winger on the left as the team needed genuine width on that side without Mendy.

This season, Raheem Sterling has often played as City's left winger but more as an inside forward, with Mendy charging forward outside him. City signed Riyad Mahrez in the offseason to bolster its attackina options, but Guardiola might prefer to go again with Sane and Sterling as his wide forwards while Mendy is out.

City is unbeaten in its opening 12 games in the league, and arguably is looking more dominant than last season when the team won the title in recordbreaking fashion — getting more points, goals and wins than any other team since the Premier League was formed in 1992. \square

Wallabies suspend Beale and Ashley-Cooper, Pocock out

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Australia backs Kurtley Beale and Ashley-Cooper Adam were not considered for selection for the rugby test against England this weekend as punishment for inviting women to their hotel room.

Coach Michael Cheika confirmed the sanction on Friday, at the same time as announcing No. 8 David Pocock was withdrawn from Saturday's test at Twickenham after failing a fitness test on his sore neck. Beale and Ashley-Cooper, who have a combined 200 caps, invited women to their hotel room after losing to Wales 9-6 on Nov. 10 in Cardiff. The Wallabies' website believed the women Ashlevwere Cooper's sister-in-law and friends.

However, Australia has



Australia's Kurtley Beale passes the ball in the tackle of a Welsh defender during the rugby union international match between Wales and Australia at the Principality Stadium in Cardiff, Wales, Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018

a rule that no guests are decided allowed in hotel rooms, and team leaders including captain Michael Hooper, until Pocock, Nick Phipps, Samu

breach occurred.

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But Cheika wasn't informed Tuesday. Ashley-Cooper played his first test Kerevi and Allan Alaalatoa in more than two years last

weekend against Italy, and Beale was a replacement. Beale, at least, was expected to start against England.

Cheika decided onegame suspensions were appropriate.

"There's disappointment (from me), and they are disappointed, too," Cheika said. "It's a small error of judgment. It could be compared to not being on curfew or late for training. If we want to compete with the best, all the small shortcuts have to be gone, on and off the field.

"Although this was a minor thing, I felt that if you keep a grey area there then it gets bigger, so I may as well make a stand on it and go from there.

"The two of them were very apologetic, they realized their error and they have been trying to help the other players get ready for the game."

Pocock's unavailability was the greater blow. England identified him this week as its biggest threat, a menace at the breakdowns. But the neck problem which forced him off against Italy in the second half, persisted.

"He wanted another day, which obviously you'll afford to a guy like him because he knows his body better than anyone and had prepared better than anyone, but he couldn't overcome it," Cheika said. "And there's a bit of me that is relieved he came to that conclusion because he'd been copping it. He's been getting smashed in there." Pete Samu was promoted from the reserves, and wing Marika Koroibete, who scored two tries against Italy, was brought into the reserves.



Croatia eases to 2-0 over France in Davis Cup final

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN **Associated Press**

LILLE, France (AP) — France captain Yannick Noah's gamble on players and court surface backfired against Croatia in the Davis Cup final on Friday.

Noah chose Jeremy Chardy and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga to meet Croatia on indoor clay, and they were thrashed in straight sets on the first day, leaving the Croats on the verge of their second Davis Cup crown. Borna Coric dismantled Chardy 6-2, 7-5, 6-4, and Marin Cilic defeated Tsonga 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 at Pierre Mauroy Stadium in the opening singles.

Croatia, which won its sole title in 2005, leads 2-0 and can relieve the Davis Cup from the defending champion in northern France by winning the doubles on Saturday.

The Croatians clearly have the best players, who have not lost away from home since 2015. History also plays in their favor: Not since Australia in 1939 has any team recovered from a 2-0 deficit in a final.

With the French missing their three highest-ranked



Croatia's Borna Coric returns the ball to France's Jeremy Chardy during the Davis Cup final between France and Croatia, Friday, Nov. 23, 2018 in Lille, northern France.

the end of his match.

Noah decided to open When asked about his se-

es became obvious, as he

was second-best in all as-

pects and injured toward

lections, Noah said, "You

can try to rewrite history,

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the final at the ATP Finals last week and is slightly favored against Mate Pavic and Ivan Dodig on Saturday.

"As long as we are not definitely dead, we always try to hang on to something," said Noah, who guided France to three previous Davis Cup final triumphs, but none from behind.

France hoped the slow sur-

for Cilic and Coric, who had to quickly adapt to clay after playing last week on a hard court at the ATP Finals in London. Cilic played in the elite event, while Coric practiced as a reserve.

But the Croats were unfazed and excelled in front of a hostile crowd.

Tsonga faced an onslaught from Cilic in the opening set and had no answers.

The seventh-ranked player won his first three service games at love, broke for 4-2 after Tsonga made a couple of backhand errors, and held at love again to seal the opener.

The Frenchman played too short when not hitting too long, and exposed himself to Cilic's ferocious forehand attacks.

In a tight second set, Cilic coped with the pressure to save two break points in the eighth game, and Tsonga cracked with unforced errors.

A backhand wide handed Cilic a 6-5 lead and the former U.S. Open champion wrapped up the set at love on serve. He broke again for 3-2 in the third set after a Tsonga double fault, and

but it does not work that the 2017 final. Playing in his first Davis Cup final, Chardy way." was demolished by Coric. A glimmer of hope remains, Tsonga was sidelined by though, thanks to Nicolas a knee injury for seven Mahut and Pierre-Hugues months until September. His Herbert. lack of competitive match- The French pair reached face would be a problem

players — Richard Gasquet

pulled out injured while

Gael Monfils and Gilles Si-

mon were overlooked -

with Chardy instead of Lu-

cas Pouille, who clinched

Bairstow hits 110, England 311-7 in final test v Sri Lanka

By REX CLEMENTINE **Associated Press** COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)

 Jonny Bairstow marked his return to the England team with a sixth test hundred to help the tourists to 311-7 at the end of the first day of the third and final test against Sri Lanka on Friday.

Bairstow scored 110 off 186 balls, with nine fours and a six, in his first game since twisting his ankle while playing football almost a month ago during the ODI series against the Sri Lank-

The injury created an opportunity for Ben Foakes to earn selection as wicketkeeper in the first test. and his century on debut meant he was retained for the second test at Bairstow's expense.

Bairstow made his return as



England's Jonny Bairstow plays a shot during the first day of the third test cricket match between Sri Lanka and England in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Friday, Nov. 23, 2018.

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allrounder Sam Curran was England had experimentruled out of the third test ed unsuccessfully using

a specialist batsman after because of a side strain.

Moeen Ali and Ben Stokes at No. 3 in the previous two tests and Bairstow was pro-

moted to that position in Colombo.

He made the most of the opportunity by hitting his third test hundred against Sri Lanka, adding 100 runs for the third wicket with captain Joe Root (46) and 99 for the fourth wicket with Stokes (57) after England won the toss.

"The emotion and hard work that has gone into getting back out on the field is massive," Bairstow

"I was given an opportunity to bat at No. 3 today. Long term, who knows what's going to happen?

In the last year I think I've batted at No. 7, 6, 5, 4 and

England is bidding to clinch a 3-0 win in the series.

Only Australia (2004) and India (2017) have whitewashed Sri Lanka away.



Rain, cold, wind combine to make life miserable for golfers

By DENNIS PASSA AP Sports Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)

 Ducks waded through standing water on fairways.
 Some bunkers flooded.
 Golfers put waterproof winter mittens on between shots.

Ah yes. Welcome to the World Cup of Golf on Friday at Metropolitan. If the format was match play, the rain, cold and windy weather would have beaten the golfers 10 and 8.

But it was foursomes, where players hit alternate shots, and where one might curse under their breath at the predicament their teammate had left them in — the rough, on mud, in a bunker or with a difficult angle into the green.

If so, there was a lot of that going on Friday with a high temperature of 14 Celsius (58 Fahrenheit) and winds gusting to 35 kilometers an hour (20 mph).

Survival mode, for the most part. And Belgium and South Korea survived it best, tied for the lead after two rounds.

England's Tyrrell Hatton angrily smashed the tee marker on the 10th hole after his shot went into the woods. He and his partner, Ian



Tyrrell Hatton of England, bottom right, plays out a fairway bunker on the first hole during the second round of the World Cup of Golf tournament at the Metropolitan Golf Club in Melbourne, Australia, Friday, Nov. 23, 2018.

Associated Press

Poulter, bogeyed the hole. "Obviously that wasn't a great moment, it was kind of a reaction without thinking," Hatton said. "The shot wasn't much better, either." Poulter wondered if play should have been stopped, saying it was "questionable" if the course had become unplayable.

"The only questionable is- said it we sue I think that we found Scotland.

ourselves in was some water in quite a few bunkers," he said. "We had to play a number of shots from a decent amount of water in the trap and that's difficult to do."

Anirban Lahihri, who combined with Gaganjeet Bhullar to have India just two strokes behind the leaders, said it was like playing in Scotland

"We both have some experience playing links golf and you can draw to that with this," Lahiri said. "We both played overseas and you needed that today."

Gavin Green of Malaysia, also two strokes behind with partner Ben Leong, said he'd gladly take his team's 73.

"Wind was everywhere, it was cold, it was wet,"

Green said. "Just keeping our clubs dry was a bonus." Marc Leishman, who described the conditions as "brutal," grew up in Victoria state not far from Melbourne.

"You know when it's like this in Melbourne, especially on a golf course like this, it's going to be tough," Leishman said after he and Australia teammate Cameron Smith finished with 76. "Bogey on the last, but it was probably not a terrible round."

Smith said he and Leishman had a typical Aussie attitude to the atrocious conditions.

"We tried to keep it lighthearted out there," said Smith, who is from subtropical Queensland state. "We knew it was going to be a long day. I was so cold all day I couldn't feel my hands. I couldn't really feel anything."

The effect of the rain was obvious early: scores from the first six teams on the par-4 first hole were two pars, a bogey, two double bogeys and a triple bogey. Zimbabwe's Scott Vincent and Benjamin Follett-Smith were among those six teams, and it didn't get any better for them. They finished with 84.

Bottas fastest in 2nd practice; Hamilton struggles with grip

By JEROME PUGMIRE AP Sports Writer

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Eyeing his first win in a year in which he has taken a back seat to Lewis Hamilton, teammate Valtteri Bottas was fastest in the second practice for the season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix on Friday.

prove after winning 10 races on the way to his fifth Formula One championship. However, he had an awkward time on Friday as he

Hamilton has nothing to

However, he had an awkward time on Friday as he struggled with the grip on his tires in both sessions.

Bottas, who has not won this year, was .044 seconds quicker in his Mercedes than Red Bull driver Max Verstappen on the Yas Marina circuit. The last of Bottas' three career F1 wins was here last year.



Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas of Finland steers his car during the second free practice at the Yas Marina racetrack in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Friday Nov. 23, 2018.

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"It's nice to be on top of the timesheets, but we now need to build on that and I

also need to find more performance from myself," the Finn said. "My goal for the weekend is to repeat last year's result."

Red Bull driver Daniel Ricciardo was third fastest in the second practice, followed by Hamilton.

Vettel, second to Hamilton in the championship for a second straight year, was sixth in the second practice, trailing teammate Kimi Raikkonen.

The session started at 5 p.m. and finished under flood-lights to mirror conditions for Saturday's qualifying and Sunday's race. Earlier, Verstappen was fastest in the first practice by about half a second. Ricciardo was next,

Bottas third, and Hamilton fourth about one second behind.



Full speed ahead: Shiffrin envisions another busy schedule

By PAT GRAHAM **Associated Press**

By the end of last season, Mikaela Shiffrin was so drained she couldn't possibly imagine racing in that many events ever again. Right up until this season, that is.

The two-time World Cup overall champion now envisions an even more frenzied pace. From downhill to super-G, from giant slalom to an array of slaloms along with the occasional combined, just sign her up.

Sure, she will take the occasional break to sharpen her technical skills or get some rest, but really there's no slowing her down these days. In an era of specialization, the 23-yearold from Avon, Colorado, keeps branching out and has become the rare sixevent racer — even if her peers wonder if she can keep it up.

"It's a challenge right now I'm willing and excited to take on," said Shiffrin, who will be a favorite in both the giant slalom and slalom races during a World Cup stop this weekend in Killington, Vermont. "That's also part of the deal — you have to be excited and motivated in the sport. That's one of the things keeping me motivated."

See, Shiffrin knows her winning formula doesn't necessarily involve speed events. Case in point: Take away her results from downhill slalom in Levi, Finland, last one downhill win and two



In this Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018, file photo United States' Mikaela Shiffrin competes during the first run of an alpine ski, women's World Cup slalom in Levi, Finland.

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and super-G last season and she still wins the overall by 293 points over Wendy Holdener of Switzerland. That's how dialed in Shiffrin's been at the slalom and the GS.

But she has a craving for more speed. The only hitch is each speed training session takes just a fraction away from her rhythm for the technical events, which might not be noticeable to anyone but her.

"Every day that I train downhill or super-G I'm thinking, 'That might just be one little millimeter of my quick twitch muscles going asleep for a little while," said Shiffrin, who won the weekend and received a reindeer as a prize. "And then I'm always thinking, 'When am I going to get my slalom training in?'

"There's just a certain amount of preparation I need for every event."

The specialization route has worked wonders for Austria's Marcel Hirscher, who has captured seven straight overall World Cup titles. Hirscher dominates the slalom and GS so much, winning both disciplines last season, that it's hard to dethrone him. He was on the podium 16 times in 20 races none in speed events. Shiffrin was on the podium 18 times in 26 races — with more third-place finishes. "Is it more challenging racing (all the events)? You bet," U.S. women's assistant coach Karin Harjo said. "There are only so many hours in a week and days in a year to really prepare at the highest level."

Especially for the downhill, where it's typically a fourday commitment given all the training runs.

"It's a difficult task," U.S. racer Ted Ligety said. "But when you have people like Mikaela that have a good enough buffer in the slalom, they don't necessarily train as much in that area to stay on top. But if she does compete in this many events full-time, it will

probably wear on her after a little bit. It's the reality of the time allocation to race that many races a year versus taking some of those downhill races off a year." That's why Aksel Lund Svindal of Norway gave up the pursuit. He used to do all the disciplines at a high level until a crash in a downhill training run at Beaver Creek, Colorado, in 2007. After that, he steadily got away from the slalom. It was too much work to test all the equipment.

"The skis, the boots, the bindings, the down-pressure on the bindings — the evolution of the equipment makes it harder and harder," Svindal explained. "It separates the disciplines even farther than before." His teammate Kjetil Jansrud also pointed out how this age of specialization has been a game changer.

"If you want to do all of them, there's just not enough time to train to the level of the people who specialize in one event," Jansrud said. "The level is so high in every single event." Still, Shiffrin remains game for the quest. This weekend, she competes in her two signature events — a giant slalom on Saturday and slalom on Sunday. Shiffrin has Olympic gold medals in both disciplines, winning the slalom at the 2014 Sochi Olympics and the GS at the Pyeongchang Games last February.

Without a quad, Brown leads figure skating in France

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GRENOBLE, France (AP) - Without attempting a

auad jump, Jason Brown built a solid lead at the French round of the Grand Prix figure skating series on Friday.

rewarded for his crisp technique and flowing ease in landing four triple jumps third with 86.94. at the Internationaux de In ice dance, the French France.

His rivals, meanwhile, were penalized for failing to cleanly execute more difficult auads.

Alexander Samarin of Rus- champions and

sia goes into the free skate pic silver medalists scored on Saturday trailing Brown, who scored 96.41, by nearly six points.

He fluffed the landing of his opening quad lutz but Porteno" by Astor Piazzolla. quickly recovered and scored 90.86.

Chen fell on his second 77.91, followed by thirdjump, a quad flip, and was

pairing of Gabriella Papadakis and Guillaume Cizeron outclassed the field in the rhythm dance.

three-time world Olym-

84.13 with their sultry and intense crowd-pleasing short dance to "Tango: Oblivion" and "Primavera The Russian pair of Victoria Sinitsina and Nikita Kat-The American skater was World champion Nathan salapov was second with placed Canadians Piper Gilles and Paul Poirier, who scored 74.25.

The sixth and last event of the Grand Prix series offers skaters a final chance to qualify for next month's final in Vancouver.



US' Jason Brown competes in the Men Short Program Program during the ISU figure skating France's Trophy, in Grenoble, French Alps, Friday, Nov. 23, 2018.

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Bad Yogi Launches Digital Yoga and Strength Training Program 'PB Resolution'

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TAMPA, Fla.-Nov 23, 2018-Bad Yogi, LLC, a yoga and lifestyle brand geared towards redefining yoga culture, today announced the release of PB Resolution. PB Resolution is a digital yoga & fitness program that combines yoga and strength training into a seamless, easy-to-follow, 12-week schedule.

"All too often, we focus our efforts towards one path of fitness, when we're cutting ourselves short," said Erin Motz, Co-Founder of Bad Yogi. "People are haphazardly going into the gym or fitness classes without the knowledge needed to safely gain strength. This results in injuries, plateaus and frustration. PB Resolution is a perfect complement to the avid yogi or fitness class enthusiast, offering all of the tools for success and advancement in a pre-set schedule. No more guessing. Just clear direction and results from the convenience of your home."

PB Resolution is not your average yoga and strength training program. This progressive program intelligently pairs yoga and strength training to take your fitness habit to the next level – complementing your yoga practice with strength training means making your practice practical. With Erin's expertise in alignment as a certified yoga instructor, in addition



PB Resolution is a 12-week digital yoga and strength training program.

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to her expertise in anatomy and movement as a National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM) Certified Personal Trainer, you can expect results unlike any other program out there. PB Resolution is the evolution of Erin Motz' first pro-

PB Resolution is the evolution of Erin Motz' first program, Perfect Body Yoga Program (PBYP), which is home to more than 5000 members and growing. Maintaining the same philosophy as the first PBYP, PB Resolution believes that the "perfect body" is simply the healthiest version of the body you already have.

"So often, I receive questions from people asking whether they need yoga

if they already do fitness classes or vice versa, and how to incorporate strength training into an already existing yoga practice," said Motz. "That's where PB Resolution was born. We built PB Resolution to be more than just the bridge between strength training and yoga; we built it to be a fitness program that you actually WANT to complete. Our philosophy is that knowing why you do what you do is the key to reaching your goals. That's why each week we ask you 'What's your why for...?' followed by a different prompt every time. I'm excited to offer a program that will challenge you and target all the parts of your body in fun and creative ways."

The culmination of 13 years of experience as a yoga instructor coupled with her knowledge as a NASM Certified Personal Trainer are on display in every day of this 12-week program. It's designed to provide you with the tools you need to keep your body safe, challenge you no matter where you're at, increase strength regardless of your fitness preference, all while encouraging you to discover yourself like never before. Features of PB Resolution

24 Unique HD Yoga Classes between 30-40 minutes long32 Unique Strength Training Workouts with over 150 individual exercises along with video illustrations of each move, so that you know you're doing it right5 Minute Warm Up and Cool Downs to use before each workout day12 Meditations that go along with each week's focus. These are audio only meditations so you can listen anytime, anywhereA Printable 12-week Calendar with Journal Prompts to keep you motivated and inspired. This calendar tells you exactly what's coming up and gives you a place to write down your "Why" each week3-Month Access to Cook Smarts, the best meal planning software in the industryAccess to the PB private Facebook group, joining thousands of amazing members for support and accountability. In addition to the launch of PB Resolution, Bad Yogi is pleased to announce the "Bad Yogi Pay it Forward Program"- a communityinspired scholarship program with the goal of raising funds to offer yoga to aspiring yogis who cannot afford the cost of classes. From Thanksgiving (November 22) until Christmas (December 25), Bad Yogi will collect funds to 'pay-it-forward', in addition to seeking applications for scholarship recipients.

Power2SME Wins Outstanding Startup of the year Award at FILA 2018

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NEW DELHI-B2B e-commerce startup, Power2SME- a digital ecosystem for manufacturing SMEs in India, has bagged the 'Outstanding Startup of the vear' award at Forbes India Leadership Awards 2018. Power2SME stood winner in the Startup category demonstrating its outstanding ability of building a fast paced, growth startup with a distinctive business model.

Started in 2012, Power2SME is India's first 'Buying Club'

for SMEs with a vision of empowering SMEs and making a difference in the Indian economy.

Acknowledging the award Narayan expressed, "This award is the recognition of our eternal commitment and validates our efforts in building India's best digital ecosystem for our SME clients and business partners."

He further added, "This journey that we undertook 6 years ago could not have been possible without reinstated faith of

our investors and clients, unwavering co-operation from our partners, and the support of my team. I feel honoured in accepting this award amongst the group of high calibre entrepreneurs."

About Power2SME

The first 'Buying Club' for SMEs in India, Power2SME, financially backed by Nandan Nilekani, Inventus Capital Partners, Kalaari Capital, the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Accel Partners, began operations in 2012.

Committed to empowering SMEs by increasing their profits, Power2SME focuses on reducing purchase prices for SMEs and enhancing productivity. Power2SME enables SME clients to focus on their core business of driving growth and expansion, while taking on the role of sourcing input raw materials at the most competitive price points across multiple products in categories such as Chemicals, Additives, Inks, Paints, Metals, Polymer Commodity,

Polymer Engineering, etc. The company, today, has 16 offices spread across Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Gurgaon, Bangalore, Pune, amongst other, operating in 23 states and Union Territories with a team of 350+ employees across India. Power2SME works with established and trusted suppliers such as SAIL, TATA Steel, ESSAR Steel, Allied Strips, JSW, Rathi Steel, Victor Exim, Balaji Enterprise, POSCO Steel, Apollo Pipes, JSL, and many more.



Black Friday shoppers ditch their computers, flock to stores

By JOSEPH PISANI ANNE D'INNOCENZIO Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — It would have been easier to turn on their computers over plates of leftover turkey and take advantage of the Black Friday deals most retailers now offer online.

But across the country, thousands of shoppers woke up before dawn the day after Thanksgiving to take part in this most famous ritual of American consumerism.

Shoppers lined up outside the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minnesota by 4 a.m., and the crowd had grown to 3,000 people by the time doors opened at 5 a.m. In Ohio, a group of women was so determined, they booked a hotel room Thursday night to be closer to the stores. In New York City, one woman went straight from a dance club to a department store in the middle of the night.

Many shoppers said Black Friday shopping is as much about the spectacle as it is about doorbuster deals.

Kati Anderson said she stopped at Cumberland Mall in Atlanta Friday morning for discounted clothes as well as "the people watching." Her friend, Katie Nasworthy, said she went to the mall instead of shopping online because she likes to see the Christmas decorations.

"It doesn't really feel like Christmas until now," said Kim Bryant, who considers the day the official kickoff of the holiday shopping season, though retailers have been offering deals for weeks. Bryant was shopping at a mall in suburban Denver with her daughter and her daughter's friend, who lined up at 5:40 a.m., then sprinted inside when the doors opened at 6 a.m. "We felt the need to run in because everyone else was running," Bryant's daughter, Kelly, said.

The holiday shopping season presents a big test for a U.S. economy, whose overall growth so far this year has relied on a burst of consumer spending. Americans upped their spending dur-



People wait in line to buy televisions as they shop during an early Black Friday sale at a Best Buy store on Thanksgiving Day Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018, in Overland Park, Kan.

Associated Press

ing the first half of 2018 at the strongest pace in four years, yet retail sales gains have tapered off recently and the pace of homebuying has fallen outright. The sales totals over the next month will be a good indicator as to whether consumers simply paused to catch their breath or if they feel slightly less optimistic about the economy in 2019.

The National Retail Federation, the nation's largest retail trade group, is expecting holiday retail sales in November and December — excluding automobiles, gasoline and restaurants — to increase as much as 4.8 percent over 2017 for a total of \$720.89 billion. The sales growth marks a slowdown from last year's 5.3 percent, which was the largest gain since 2010. But the figure is still healthy.

The retail economy is also tilting steeply toward online shopping. Over the past 12 months, purchases at non-store retailers such as Amazon have jumped 12.1 percent. Meanwhile, sales at traditional department stores have slumped 0.3 percent.

"There's major deals online so it's hard to make a major effort to come to the store," said Laura Duncan, a 39-year-old preschool teacher and mother of three from Costa Mesa, California. She was drawn to the mall Friday morning for the deals, and for the quiet of shopping without her still-sleeping kids.

Adobe Analytics, which tracks online retail spending, reported Thursday that Thanksgiving should reach a record \$3.7 billion in online retail sales, up 29 percent from the same year ago period.

Black Friday has morphed from a single day when people got up early to score door busters into a whole month of deals. Many major stores, including Walmart, Best Buy and Macy's, start their block-buster deals on Thanksgiving evening, which has thinned out the Friday crowds.

But some families stick by their Black Friday traditions. "We boycotted Thursday shopping; that's the day for family. But the experience on Friday is just for fun," said Michelle Wise, shopping at Park Meadows Mall in Denver with her daughters, 16-year-old Ashleigh and 14-year-old Avery. They

didn't have a specific list of must-get items this year; they just enjoy the time together.

Retailers have also been introducing new technology to make it easier to shop inside their stores. Walmart has a new digital map on its mobile app so shoppers can find an item's exact location in the store. The Kohl's app lets customers take photos of products anywhere and find similar items at the department store. And customers, frustrated with long checkout lines, can check out at Walmart and other stores with a salesperson in store

Target reported that shoppers bought big ticket items like TVs, iPads, and Apple Watches. Among the most popular toy deals were Lego, L.O.L. Surprise from MGA Entertainment and Mattel's Barbie. It said gamers picked up video game consoles like Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 4 and the Xbox One.

Others reported stumbling onto more obscure savings. At a Cincinnati mall, Bethany Carrington scored a \$29 all-in-one trimmer for her husband's nose hair needs and, for \$17, "the biggest

Mr. Potato Head I've ever seen."

At the same mall, Rhonda Ross and Cyndi Jenkins booked a hotel room for Thursday night to maximize their shopping experience. They knew they wanted to buy the Nintendo Switch for their 11-year-old sons, but otherwise just planned to look around and spend time together. Every year, they leave the kids with their husbands and come out to shop.

"We're not run-over-people, die-hard shoppers," said Jenkins, a nurse from Lucasville, Ohio.

By mid-day Friday, there had not been widespread reports of the deal-inspired chaos that has become central to Black Friday lore fist fights over discounted televisions or stampedes toward coveted sale items. Two men at an Alabama mall got into a fight, and one of the men opened fire, shooting the other man and a 12-year-old bystander, both of whom were taken to the hospital with injuries. Police shot and killed the gunman. Authorities have not said whether the incident was related to Black Friday shopping or if it stemmed from an unrelated dispute.

"It's really not that crazy this morning," said Clif Norwine, as he looked out over the Galleria Dallas mall from an upstairs balcony. Norwine says he comes out to Black Friday in part for the sales, but also for the family tradition and the people watching. Shoppers below drifted peacefully, set to a soundtrack of holiday music.



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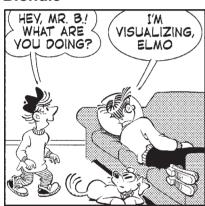
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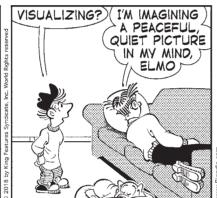
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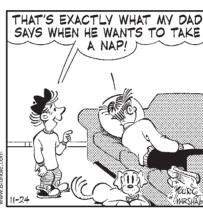




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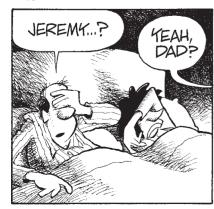


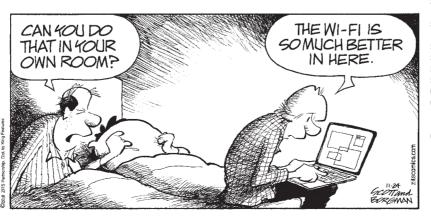
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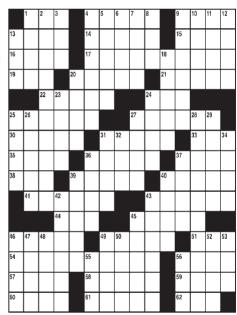
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In this Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018, photo, Amur Falcons (Falco amurensis) fly over the Doyang reservoir at Pangti village in Wokha district, in the northeastern Indian state of Nagaland. **Associated Press**

Amur falcons protected where they had been hunted

By The Associated Press

The 8,000 residents of a remote tribal village in northeastern India are busy hosting millions of migratory Amur falcons from Siberia who roost by a massive reservoir before taking off for their final destinations — Somalia, Kenya and South Africa — traversing up to 22,000 kilometers (13,670 miles). Surrounded by hills, the reservoir and a hydroelectric dam, Panati village inhabited by Lotha Naga tribespeople became notorious in 2012 for killing up to 15,000 migratory Amur falcons per day. The villagers were either consuming or selling the birds.

"Our people have transformed and today my village of Pangti is called the falcon capital of the world because it is believed the world's largest congregation of this exotic bird takes place right here between October and December

every year," said Nyimthungo Yanthan, 52, a former falcon hunter turned conservationist.

Residents regard this as one of the biggest conservation success stories in South Asia — an entire village transforming from predators to protectors.

As the Amur falcons come, hordes of tourists flock to Pangti and to the Doyang reservoir to savor the sight of the amazina birds. Wildlife agencies have satellitetagged a few Amur falcons to keep track of them.

"The government in Nagaland is also paying remuneration to those who are actively engaged in protecting and creating awareness about this small but beautiful raptor of the falcon family. Non-governmental organizations, too, are providing help," said Mhathung Yanthan, a former government official from the district.



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Big test coming up for tiny satellites trailing Mars lander

By MARCIA DUNN **Associated Press** CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)

- A pair of tiny experimental satellites trailing NASA's InSight spacecraft all the way to Mars face their biggest test yet.

Their mission: Broadcast immediate news, good or bad, of InSight's plunge through the Martian atmosphere on Monday.

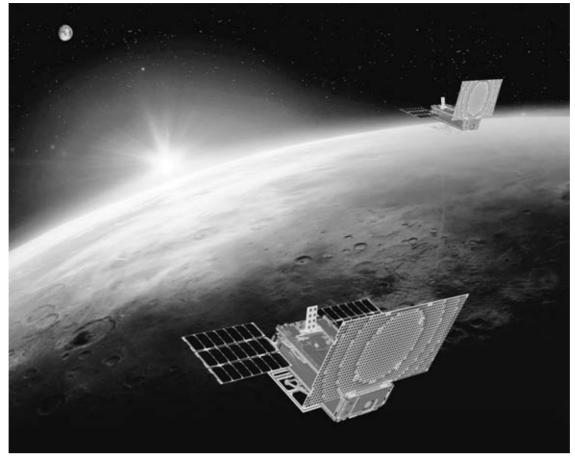
Named WALL-E and EVE after the main characters in the 2008 animated movie, the twin CubeSats will pass within a few thousand miles (kilometers) of Mars as the lander attempts its dicey touchdown.

If these pipsqueaks manage to relay InSight's radio signals to ground controllers nearly 100 million miles (160 million kilometers) away, we'll know within minutes whether the spacecraft landed safely.

A look at InSight's itty-bitty sidekicks:

HITCHHIKERS

WALL-E and EVE, each the size of a briefcase, hitched a ride on the same rocket that launched InSight to Mars in May. CubeSats always share rockets; they're too small and inexpensive to warrant their own launch. This Mars Cube



This illustration made available by NASA in March 2018 shows the twin Mars Cube One project (MarCO) spacecrafts flying over Mars with Earth and the sun in the distance.

Associated Press

One project, or MarCO, journey to Mars to prevent built and managed by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, cost \$18.5 million.

FLIGHT FORMATION

NASA kept the CubeSats about 6,000 miles (10,000 kilometers) away from In-Sight during the 300 millionmile (483 million-kilometer)

any collisions or close calls. The mini satellites were just as far from each other for the same reason. The elbow room in this "very loose formation," as chief engineer Andy Klesh describes it, has varied during the mission and is narrowing as the spacecraft draws ever closer to Mars.

BEST BEHAVIOR

For the record, EVE has behaved better than WALL-E during the 6 1/2-month voyage to Mars. Each CubeSat has the same type of cold gas propulsion that's used in fire extinguishers to spray

foam. In the film, WALL-E uses a fire extinguisher to propel through space. In reality, WALL-E has been leaking fuel almost since liftoff. Flight controllers have worked around the problem. Meanwhile, "EVE seems to follow her namesake and has been flying beautifully throughout the mission," said Klesh.

DRY RUN

In June, WALL-E and EVE aced a series of radio-relay tests using signals from a big dish antenna near Palo Alto, California. Klesh said that gives engineers confidence in the CubeSats' ability to do the same with InSight's signals on landing day. Last month, the pair sent back photos of Mars from 8 million miles (13 million kilometers) out. Mars was merely a bright pinpoint, but the team said it marked a proud CubeSat first.

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It takes eight minutes and seven seconds for a radio signal to get from Mars to Earth, one way. It should take less than a minute on top of that to get word from InSight, if the mini satellites cooperate. That means NASA could know InSight's fate close to real time.

Scientists find remains of huge ancient herbivore



The undated photo provided by Grzegorz Niedzwiedzki shows people uncovering a fossile of a plant-eating creature with a beak-like mouth and reptilian features in Lisowicia, Poland. **Associated Press**

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By FRANK JORDANS **Associated Press**

BERLIN (AP) — A giant, plant-eating creature with a beak-like mouth and reptilian features may have roamed the Earth during the late Triassic period more than 200 million years ago, scientists said Thursday.

In a paper published Thursday by the journal Science, Polish researchers claim their find overturns the notion that the only giant plant-eaters at the time were dinosaurs.

The elephant-sized creabojani after a village in southern Poland where its remains were found, belonged to the same evolutionary branch as mam-

Similar fossils from so-called dicynodonts have been found elsewhere, but they

were dated to be from an earlier period, before a series of natural disasters wiped out most species on Earth.

"We used to think that after the end-Permian extinction, mammals and their relatives retreated to the shadows while dinosaurs rose up and grew to huge sizes," said Grzegorz Niedzwiedzki, a paleontologist at Uppsala University in Sweden who co-authored the paper.

The discovery of giant dicynodonts living at the habitats. He also questure, known as Lisowicia same time as sauropods a branch of the dinosaur family that later produced the iconic long-necked diplodocus — suggests environmental factors in the late Triassic period may have driven the evolution of gigantism, the researchers said.

Christian Kammerer, a dicynodont specialist at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences not involved in the find, said the size of Lisowicia was "startling."

"Large dicynodonts have been known before in both the Permian and the Triassic, but never at this scale," he said.

Kammerer said that while dicynodonts and dinosaurs existed at the same time. there's no evidence yet that they lived in the same tioned the study's conclusions about Lisowicia's pos-

"However, overall I think this is a very intriguing and important paper, and shows us that there is a still a lot left to learn about early mammal relatives in the Triassic," said Kammerer.



Time for France to give back looted African art, experts say

By ANGELA CHARLTON **Associated Press**

PARIS (AP) — African artworks held in French museums — richly carved thrones, doors to a royal kingdom, wooden statues imbued with spiritual meaning — may be heading back home to Africa at last.

French President Emmanuel Macron, trying to turn the page on France's colonial past, received a report Friday on returning art looted from African lands.

From Senegal to Ethiopia, artists, governments and museums eagerly awaited the report by French art historian Benedicte Savoy and Senegalese economist Felwine Sarr, and commissioned by Macron himself. It recommends that French museums give back works that were taken without consent, if African countries request them — and could increase pressure on museums elsewhere in Europe to follow suit.

The experts estimate that up to 90 percent of African art is outside the continent, including statues, thrones and manuscripts. Thousands of works are



A visitors look at wooden royal statues of the Dahomey kingdom, dated 19th century, today's Benin, at Quai Branly museum in Paris, France, Friday, Nov. 23, 2018.

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held by just one museum, the Quai Branly Museum in Paris, opened in 2006 to showcase non-European art — much of it from former French colonies.

The museum wouldn't immediately comment on the report.

Among disputed treasures in the Quai Branly are several works from the Dahomey kingdom, in today's West African country of Benin: the metal-and-wood throne of 19th-century King Ghezo, the doors to the palace of Kign Gele, and imposing, wooden statues. The head of Ethiopia's Authority for Research and Conservation of Cultural

Heritage, Yonas Desta, said the report shows "a new era of thought" in Europe's relations with Africa.

Senegal's culture minister, Abdou Latif Coulibaly, told The Associated Press: "It's entirely logical that Africans should get back their artworks. ... These works were taken in conditions that

were perhaps legitimate at the time, but illegitimate to-

The report is just a first step. Challenges ahead include enforcing the report's recommendations, especially if museums resist, and determining how objects were obtained and whom to give them to.

The report is part of broader promises by Macron to turn the page on France's troubled relationship with Africa. In a groundbreaking meeting with students in Burkina Faso last year, Macron stressed the "undeniable crimes of European colonization" and said he wants pieces of African cultural heritage to return to Africa "temporarily or definitively."

"I cannot accept that a large part of African heritage is in France," he said at the time.

The French report could have broader repercussions. In Cameroon, professor Verkijika Fanso, historian at the University of Yaounde One, said: "France is feeling the heat of what others will face. Let their decision to bring back what is ours motivate others."

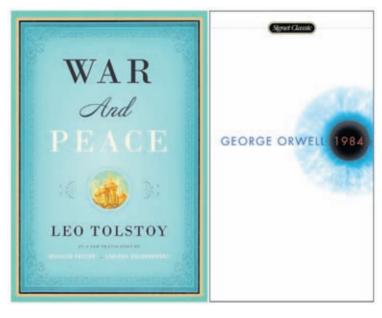
A look at the books which have inspired literary classics

By HILLEL ITALIE **Associated Press NEW YORK (AP)** — Behind

every great book are the books which influenced it. The "micro-learning" app and platform blinkist.com has been compiling literary sources for such classics as "A Clockwork Orange," "Oliver Twist" and "1984." Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" was inspired by each of her parents — William Godwin's "An Enquiry Concerning Political Justice" and Mary Wollstonecraft's "A Vindication of the Rights of Wom-

of the Civil War era, Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," drew in part upon one of the defining memoirs, "The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave." Douglass' book, which re-

en."



One of the defining novels This combination photo shows covers of classic books, "War And Peace," by Leo Tolstoy, left, and George Orwell's "1984."

mains standard reading in tention around the 200th many schools, also was cited by Toni Morrison for her Pulitzer Prize winning historical novel "Beloved."

anniversary of 'Frankenstein' and got to thinking about the nonfiction works which help author of fic-"We were noticing the at- tion," says Blinkist writer-

editor Tom Anderson. "We think of those books as the unsung heroes."

Charles Dickens' portrait of extreme wealth and poverty in London in "Oliver Twist" was in part modeled on Edward Gibbon's "The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." Anthony Burgess drew upon fiction and nonfiction for his terrifying "A Clockwork Orange," his sources including Aldous Huxley's futuristic classic "Brave New World" and B.F. Skinner's landmark of psychology "Science and Human Behavior."

Tolstoy's "War and Peace reflected the author's reading of the philosophy of Arthur Schopenhauer, along with works about Napoleon and French history.

According to Tolstoy scholar Ani Kokobobo, the author was "captivated" by Tolstoy Studies Journal.

Schopenhauer and his belief that "death is the only reality," a viewpoint expressed by the cerebral Prince Andrei Nikolayevich Bolkonsky in "War and Peace." Kokobobo also noted that "War and Peace" was a response in part to such French scholarship as Adolphe Thiers' "History of the Consulate and the Empire of France Under Napoleon," which Tolstoy believed exaggerated Napoleon's stature and military ideas.

"Tolstoy did not believe in this 'great man' theory, also propagated by Thomas Carlyle, and thought that victory and defeat were not determined by a sole heroic leader, but rather by the collective alignment of the will of thousands," said Kokobobo, editor of the



Film captures final days of legendary war reporter

By JOCELYN NOVECK Associated Press

"Legendary" is a hard-won adjective. But by the time she was killed six years ago in Homs, Syria, by President Bashar Assad's forces, Marie Colvin had earned it. At 56, she had already long been revered among fellow journalists for her bravery and determination to tell the story, at virtually any cost.

The New York native who wrote for Britain's Sunday Times was also known for some other things: For her trademark black eye patch, adopted after she lost sight in one eye in a Sri Lanka grenade attack. For her taste in vodka martinis and pearls. For her famous parties. And for being a notoriously prickly person to work with, especially for photographers, whom she cycled through as quickly as the cigarettes she was constantly smoking.

But Colvin found her professional soul mate, and her final journalistic partner, in Paul Conroy, a freelance photographer and formal British soldier who was



This image released by Arrow Media shows photographer Paul Conroy, left, with war correspondent Marie Colvin in Misrata, Libya.

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with her when she died in Homs, and badly wounded himself. Conroy has never stopped telling Colvin's story, and now he's telling it in a searing new documentary, "Under the Wire," an account of their last, tragic assignment.

In a striking coincidence, "Under the Wire." directed by Chris Martin and based on Conroy's own book, is one of three major projects about Colvin released within a few weeks. They include the feature film "A Private War," offering a takeno-prisoners performance by Rosamund Pike, and a new book, "In Extremis: The Life and Death of the War Correspondent Marie Colvin," by her friend Lindsey Hilsum.

What would Colvin think of all the sudden attention? Conroy, who also served as a consultant to "A Private War," chuckles to think of it, saying that outwardly she'd brush it off, but inwardly she'd likely be proud — and happy that the attention is bringing the plight of the Syrian people back into the spotlight.

"It's the best lifetime achievement award we could give Marie," he said in a recent interview from his home in Devon, England, adding: "It's very hard to describe your friend as a legend, but you have to with Marie. She was a complete and utter one-off."

While "A Private War" is justifiably drawing Oscar buzz for Pike, "Under the Wire" has Colvin herself. Director

Martin spent years assembling archive footage, including Conroy's own, and everything else he could find.

The result is a stunningly immediate account of the tragedy, including audio from the moment the missiles hit.

It begins with Colvin and Conroy's decision to sneak into Syria in February 2012. To protests of her friends that it was just too risky, Colvin replied, according to Hilsum: "It's what we do." The duo traveled over land from Lebanon into Syria, then made a terrifying journey to Homs through an underground water tunnel. Their destination: the working-class neighborhood of Baba Amr, where starving civilians were being bombarded by constant shelling.

Colvin and Conroy documented the suffering, including a Feb. 19 piece on the "widows' basement," a cellar where mostly women and children crowded in misery, sheltering from the bombs. It was, says her editor, Sean Ryan, her very best work.

The pair left Homs at one point but Colvin insisted they go back; there was more reporting to be done. Back in the tunnel, Conroy

says he stopped and told her: "Marie, I have a bad feeling." She told him she was going back, regardless. He joined her. "I went in with my eyes open," he says now.

Despite the unimaginable risks, Martin takes pains to note that Colvin wasn't foolhardy.

"The cliche is that she was a 'fearless' war reporter," the director said in an interview. "But what I got very clearly from talking to people was that she wasn't fearless. She was frightened all the time. Her achievement was that she overcame it."

The film also makes a point of showing her fiercely competitive nature. When a group of French journalists arrive, just as Colvin's own editor is begging her to leave, Colvin digs in her heels. "It was her story and she wanted it," Martin says simply.

The most heartbreaking scene — in both the dramatic film and the documentary, actually — takes place in a makeshift medical clinic in Baba Amr. A badly wounded baby boy arrives; doctors cannot save him. By terrible coincidence, his own grandmother is working in the clinic and begins to wail as she recognizes the baby.

After witnessing the horrifying death, Colvin decides to go for broke. She broadcasts from Homs, describing watching the baby die in interviews on the BBC and CNN. "She was going to take the story and go for it, whatever the cost," Conroy says.

Only hours later, missiles rained down on the makeshift media center in which Colvin was filing. She and French war photographer Remy Ochlik were killed instantly. Conroy and French reporter Edith Bouvier were wounded. There is shocking footage here of the wounded journalists, including of Conroy's mangled leg. "I need a tourniquet!" he screams.

The film goes on to document Conroy's harrowing escape from Homs, literally clawing his way out through mud.





'The Challenge' star Johnny 'Bananas' morphs into a TV host

By GARY GERARD HAMIL-TON

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — During Tuesday's episode of "The Challenge," Johnny "Bananas" Devenanzio managed to escape elimination on the reality show competition. Saving himself from all-but-certain expulsion has become a recurring theme for the show veteran, season after season.

For the last decade, Devenanzio has been one of the most consistent reality stars on MTV, if not all of reality television. He's arguably the face of MTV's long-standing hit reality show "The Challenge."

"Arguably? Come man," Devenanzio interiects playfully.

Devenanzio may have a case — the one-time "Real World" contestant has amassed an astounding 32 individual wins, six finals wins and has won the most prize money — all records for "The Challenge," where contestants live in a house and compete in insane challenges. It's a show he calls "the craziest, sociological, physical, athletic, mental challenge you could ever dream up."

During the past few seasons, the self-proclaimed "pot-stirrer" has found himself in an unfamiliar position; once the No. 1 contender many contestants



This Oct. 11, 2018 image taken from video shows reality TV personality Johnny "Bananas" Devenanzio during an interview in New York.

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hoped to align with to make it deep into the competition, he's now often the top target to be eliminated by an up-and-coming crop of younger rivals.

This marks Devenanzio's 17th season on the show, and while he has no plans to quit it anytime soon, he's now expanding beyond his reality star job as host of NBC's "1st Look," which airs in some markets after "Saturday Night Live."

"I mean, obviously, I'm 36 and I'm competing against guys that are 22, you know? And as much as I'd love to do this for the rest of my life

until I was in a walker, at some point there's has to be some sort of transition into another role," he said. "I've managed to stay relevant and keep myself on reality television longer than anyone in the history of reality television, on the same show. And it's taken a lot of hard work."

The Associated Press talked with Devenanzio about his new role at "1st Look" and the difference being a host of a lifestyle show as opposed to a reality show contestant, as well as his legendary career on "The Challenge."

of people love to hate you. **Devenanzio:** I would rather be hated than someone not have an opinion of me because at least I know that they have an opinion. I think the worst thing to be is someone on TV they're indifferent about.

AP: If this was professional wrestling, some people may call you a heel, the bad guy. Is that why you have such a cult following? **Devenanzio:** You look at every other show that's ever been on MTV. As big as they've been, they're like a flash in the pan. But I think the reason 'The Challenge' and be doing challenges AP: On 'The Challenge,' lots has been so successful and it's spanned so many years and generations, is because they bring back characters season after season. I run into fans_the majority of my fans aren't the prototypical MTV demographic, 18 to 24. I have fans that are late 30s, early 40s and late 40s who've been watching me since I first started on the 'Real World' and have followed me ever since.

AP: You're the face of one show, 'The Challenge,' and now you're the face of a new show.

Devenanzio: I've always wanted to do hosting. I've always thought it was something that I'd be good at and I've managed to find essentially the perfect job in hosting for me, and that's '1st Look.' '1st Look' is part travel, part experiential.

AP: So you're doing all of these unique experiences? **Devenanzio:** The reason it's called '1st Look' is because it's giving most people their first look into all these crazy experiences, through my eyes essentially.

It's been an absolutely wild ride and talk about challenges: Every day is a new challenge. I go one day from dressing in drag and stripping at a burlesque show to sumo wrestling a 600-pound man to competing in 'American Ninja Warrior' to going to a smell lab in Kansas City and smelling feet and armpits all day.

AP: What's the hardest part about being the host?

Devenanzio: This is what I didn't realize_the reality television world and the hosting world are two completely different arts. Reality TV is about sucking all the oxygen out of the room.

And it's about being the loudest, most over the top. most dominating voice and personality. Hosting's the exact opposite. Hosting is about making the other person that you're interviewing or that you're working with, the star of the show. And you are essentially just trying to get as much information out of this person as you can.

Aerosmith's Perry cancels tour after recent hospital visit

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Joe Perry has canceled his fall tour to take time off after recently being hospitallems.

publicist said in a statement Tuesday the 68-yearold will take the rest of the year off. He had expected ing Nov. 30 through Dec.

Perry felt short of breath to return next year.

after a guest performance with Billy Joel at Madison Square Garden in New York. Paramedics backstage gave Perry oxygen ized with breathing prob- and used a tracheal tube to clear his airway before The Aerosmith quitarist's taking him to the hospital. Perry had joined the 69-year-old Joel on stage for a rendition of Aerosmith's "Walk This Way."

to return to the road start- Perry says he apologizes to fans who planned to attend his shows. He expects



In this Aug. 15, 2018 file photo, Steven Tyler, left, and Joe Perry of Aerosmith perform on NBC's "Today" show at Rockefeller Center in New York.

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